

## NEWS

### Fires totally destroy homes

Two homes were destroyed by fires battled by the Grayling Fire Department.

The Grayling Fire Department was dispatched to a house fire at 206 Alger Street in the City of Grayling on Thursday, Dec. 16.

The home is owned by Corey Kivel, who has moved from the community and is now living in Maryland. Jackie Faling, Don Riness, and Matthew Larson were tenants living in the home.

The cause of the blaze is undetermined and the home was a total loss, said Grayling Fire Department Chief Russ Strohpaal Jr. Pg. 22

## SPORTS

### Free throws the difference in 53-51 win for Grayling



In a varsity girls basketball contest that featured 61 free throw attempts, the Grayling Vikings – the winning team by a two-point margin (53-51) – shot 84 percent from the line and the visiting East Jordan Red Devils shot 53 percent.

The Vikings made 21 of 25 free throw attempts, including seven of eight in the fourth quarter, and East Jordan finished at 19 of 36, hitting only six of 16 in the final eight minutes of play.

"I'm proud of the girls by winning a close game and winning when not everything went our way as we had three starters foul out of the game," Coach Joe Powers said. Pg. 14

### Vikings move to 3-0 with first conference victory



It was only close for one quarter. Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team picked up its third win of the season – the first in conference play – on Friday night, outscoring the visiting East Jordan Red Devils 56-29 in the last three periods.

"We struggled to get out of the gates early. East Jordan ran a box in one and it took our kids a quarter till we settled down and found the weaknesses of the zone. In the second half we did a much better job of sharing the basketball and it led to several open shots for our team," Coach Rich Moffit said. Pg. 16

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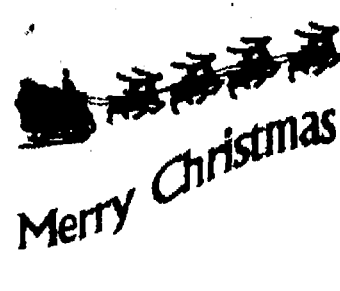
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### Baby boy celebrates first Christmas season at Legion

The American Legion Post #106 held its annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday. The event included entertainment, drawings and raffles, free ice cream, drinks and doughnut holes, free stuffed stockings and free photos with Santa. Above, Santa cuddles Austin Peper, 3 months, who is the son of Brittany Danner and fiancée Robert Peper.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

### County prohibits early Sunday alcoholic beverage sales

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners kept the cork and cap on early Sunday morning liquor, beer and wine sales, opting to maintain status quo with state law.

The Crawford County Board, at its regular monthly meeting last week, passed a resolution denying Sunday packaged liquor, beer and wine sales as well as serving spirits, mixed spirit drinks, beer and wine between 7 a.m. and noon on Sundays.

State legislation, which went into effect Dec. 1, opened up the times of when stores, bars and places where alcoholic drinks are served to early Sunday morning sales.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said the Michigan Liquor Control Commission gave counties, cities and townships until midnight on Wednesday, Dec. 15 to make a local decision on when the beverages could be purchased.

Compo, after consulting with the county's attorney, said the board had four options.

First, the board could have done nothing, allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages 24/7-365 days a year. Next, the board could have prohibited the sales of beverages from 7 a.m. on Sundays to 2 a.m. on Mondays. The board could have extended the sale of alcoholic beverages between 7 a.m. on Sunday to noon on Sunday. Finally, the board could pass a resolution, maintaining the current state law, which the Crawford County Board opted to follow.

The county board voted unanimously on the resolution.

Commissioners, however, had different views on the state law.

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### Exchange students share holiday traditions at Grayling Middle School

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Like sharing gifts at school or work, foreign exchange students in northern Michigan exchanged holiday customs and lessons about their culture with their younger peers last week.

Grayling Middle School seventh graders and one eighth grade class hosted just over a dozen exchange students who are attending Grayling High School and Gaylord High School for a Christmas Culture Day last week in Science and Social Studies teacher Joell Gabriel's classroom.

The students shared lessons about life in their country, made poster boards detailing customs and the money used in their country, shared holiday traditions, made holiday and ethnic dishes and made a Christmas ornament to represent their home country for a tree in the classroom.

Typically, Gabriel said the class hosts just one foreign exchange student at the end of each study unit, but this is the first time for the holiday event since so many exchange students are in the community.

"They just talked about their culture and what life was like there in their countries," Gabriel said. "I think both groups have learned a lot from it."

The students represent Belgium, Germany, Ecuador, Brazil, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand, Vietnam, Denmark, Brazil and Mexico.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

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### Warrants issued for STING drug sweep

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Nearly half the people facing charges from a Strike Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) investigation in Crawford County that has spanned several months have been arrested by police.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said 40 arrest warrants were recently issued for

drug related charges tied to a six-month STING investigation. About 20 people have been arrested so far, Wakefield said. The charges stem from the use or delivery of marijuana and prescription drugs to hard-core narcotics such as cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine.

Since Monday, Dec. 20, STING had made 45 arrests for drug related charges and handled 45 narcotics complaints in Crawford County,

Wakefield said.

In STING's six-county area, 280 complaints have been investigated for the year and 240 arrests have been made, Wakefield said.

"That's the most ever," Wakefield said. "The illegal use of prescription drugs is off the hook and that's where this is mainly coming from, but heroin is coming back into play and so is meth."

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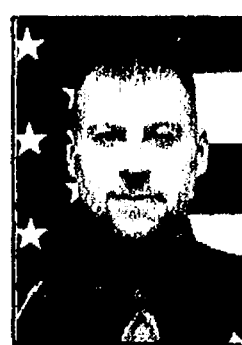
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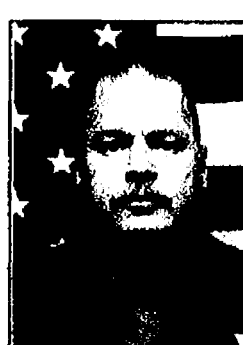
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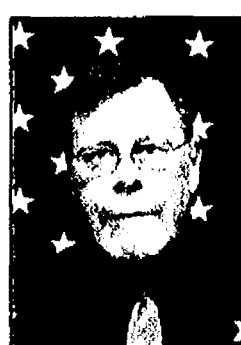
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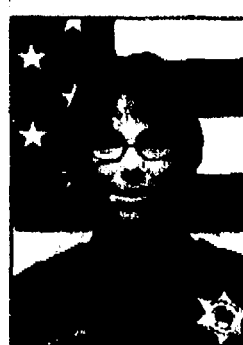
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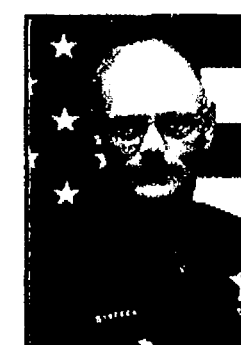
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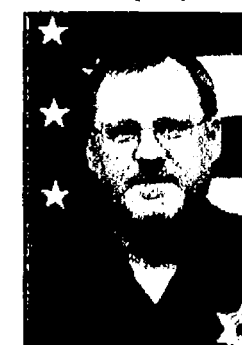
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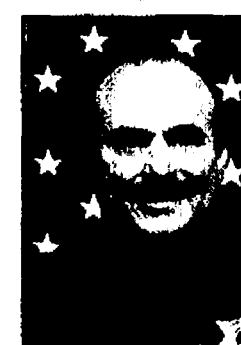
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## COA focused on serving seniors while funding drops

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

In light of decreased federal, state and local funding available to run Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) operations, officials are studying options to bring in new revenue and placing a funding millage before voters.

COA Director Alice Snyder and Jack Mahank, chairman of the COA Board, gave an annual report for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners last week.

The COA is facing an 11 percent funding cut due to decreased grants from the federal and state government. Local funding has also declined from a millage used to support senior center operations because of the Headlee Amendment. The state act requires municipalities to reduce the amount of millage funds they collect annually to account for inflation.

The funding drop required the COA to dip into its fund balance to the tune of about \$57,000 for the current fiscal year. Snyder said officials reduced that amount to

around \$27,000 by switching health care insurance plans for full-time employees and reducing hours for employees who work part-time.

"We're trying to trim around the edges without damaging the services to seniors," Snyder said.

Snyder said the COA board remains committed to not putting senior citizens on waiting lists for services and programs.

"The priority that the board has made is to our home service clients which are the most vulnerable, which I think is our best decision," she said.

Snyder said that the board is considering providing housekeeping services and home repair services to seniors who can afford the expenses. The costs would cover the expenses of the program plus generate a small amount of revenue for the senior center.

The board has also floated the idea of charging a membership fee to senior citizens who take part in senior center activities, trips and meals in Grayling.

Snyder said seniors from Kalkaska, Roscommon and

Mio, where senior centers are less active, take part in the trips and programs offered in the community.

Snyder stressed that a membership fee would not be considered for Crawford County senior citizens since they already pay taxes to support the COA.

"It would generate some revenue, which is getting harder and harder to do as our grant funding is going down," she said.

The COA served 42,366 meals last year. Snyder reported that the COA received an 84 percent satisfaction rate for its congregate and home delivered meals. She said there is room for improvement for meals the seniors have to heat up on their own.

"It's really hard to make a frozen meal be really good, but I think we can do better there," Snyder said.

The COA millage, which was passed in August 1992, is due to expire in 2012. Snyder said the millage did not expire due to a state grandfather clause, which allowed the millage to be levied for 20 years. The state law has since changed.

Snyder said COA and county officials would have to look at putting a millage renewal before voters in the next couple years. She said officials would first look at 2010 Census data, once it is received, before making final decisions.

The emerging Baby Boomer population and increased demand for programs will also be factors to consider.

"If the community wants the COA to serve seniors of this county, we're going to have to have enough money to do that - there is just no way around it," Snyder said. "There is a lot more that we could do for the seniors of our county, but we don't have the financial resources to put the staffing in place to operate those programs."

Mahank added that it is gratifying to work with the county board on setting policy and addressing the needs of senior citizens.

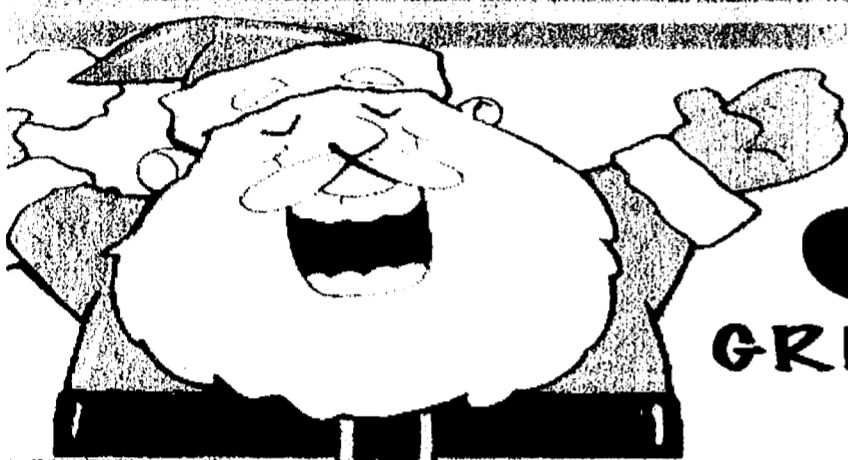
"You really make it fun to know that you are working for the people and the seniors that this county board very strongly supports," he said.

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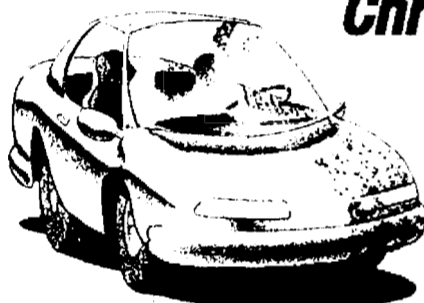
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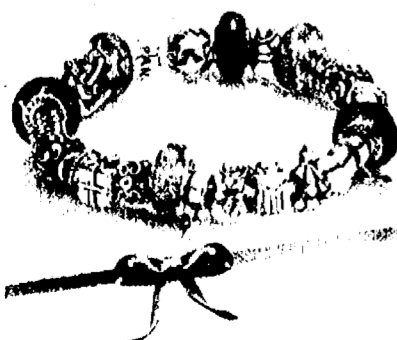
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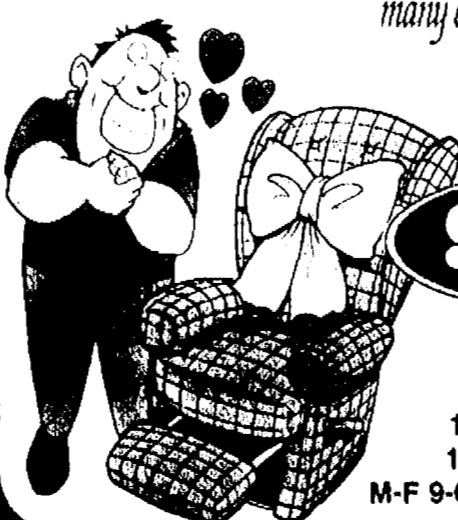
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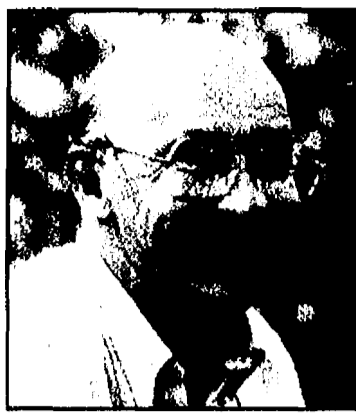
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## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Especially this Christmas season, remember the reason

CHRISTMAS 2010 should be a special time.

Our nation and the world are beset with economic uncertainty, erratic and uncertain terrorism, general turmoil and war.

Hate boils between peoples. Revenge is a great motivator. Greed sometimes seems a national pastime.

But although we may have to search for them, we can find plenty of examples of self-sacrifice to help others, of caring and of love. Many Americans have rediscovered prayer.

More than 40 years ago, I gathered a variety of thoughts for a Christmas column. Over the years, those thoughts have appeared in The Almanack several times during the Christmas season.

In these uncertain and unsettling days, to consider that particular Christmas

column again seems appropriate. Here it is.

\* \* \*

ONE SOLITARY LIFE – “He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another small village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

“He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

“While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His

enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

“When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

“Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of our column of progress.

“All the armies that ever marched ... and all the navies that ever sailed ... and all the parliaments that ever sat ... and all the kings that ever reigned, put together ... have not affected the life of man upon this earth, as has that one solitary life.”

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OF COURSE, I didn't originate that article; I only

repeat it from the original and unknown (to me) author.

But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of “One Solitary Life” helps us add perspective to our own activities, especially as we enjoy the Christmas season each year.

We all seek meaning and purpose in our own lives. We seek happiness, each in his or her own way. Happiness comes in many guises.

Consider the formula for happiness set down many years ago by Ralph Waldo Emerson, and which I heartily endorse:

“A happy life is to laugh often and to love much ... to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children ... to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends ... to appreciate

beauty ... to give one's self ... to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition ... to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, and to have sung with exaltation ... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived ...”

Those goals, my friends, bring meaning to a life. That brings happiness.

\* \* \*

WE ALL NEED a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living, and to our life. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and touching prayers ever composed is the familiar Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi:

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace ... where there is hatred, let me sow love ... where there is injury,

pardon ... where there is despair, hope ... where there is darkness, light ... and where there is sadness, joy.

“Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console ... to be understood as to understand ... to be loved as to love ...

“For it is in giving that we receive ... it is in pardoning that we are pardoned ... and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

Truly, those are words to guide our lives, and goals to live by, day after day.

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TO ALL OF YOU, a blessed and joyous Christmas and holiday season from The Almanack.

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## Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

### Tips for making your home less tempting to burglars

As family and friends reunite for the holiday season many leave their houses empty, which can be tempting to burglars. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office you the following tips to help make your absence less noticeable and your home less attractive to burglars.

Remember to lock all doors and windows - even the doors(s) that open into your garage. Your garage door may look impenetrable but it's easier to breach than you think.

Make sure your locks are sturdy- all entry doors should have deadbolts. If your entry doors have windows in them, make sure your deadbolt is keyed on both sides and don't leave

the key in the inside lock.

Make sure you put your newspaper and mail delivery on hold before you leave. Burglars really do look for piled up mail as a sign your home is empty. Leaving mail unattended for days also opens you to a potential identity theft.

Make arrangements for a neighbor to create car and foot tracks to your house if it snows while you are gone. You should arrange for someone to shovel your sidewalks and driveway while you're away too.

A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a device which works on a timer and simu-

lates the flickering glow of a real television.

Make sure someone you trust in the neighborhood knows you're out of town so they can watch for for anything suspicious. Nosy neighbors are a great deterrent because burglars will break a window to get in knowing most people will stop if they hear a sound but if the sound doesn't repeat they will shrug it off. Your neighbor is more likely to call the police if they know you are out of town and it can't be you making the noise.

Avoid announcing your vacation on Facebook or any other social networking site. It's easier than you think to find your address.

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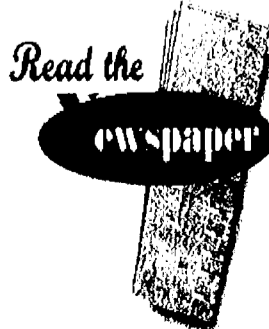
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### Holiday Hours:

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed on Friday, December 24th.  
The Avalanche will re-open on Monday, December 27th at 9am.

### Early Holiday Deadlines:

The December 30th Avalanche will be on newsstands Wednesday, December 29th.  
Deadlines for the December 30th issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 23rd at noon  
Community News: Mon. Dec. 27th at noon  
Classified Display Ads: Mon. Dec. 27th at noon  
Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 28th at noon

Our office will be closed on Friday, December 31st.  
The Avalanche office will re-open on Monday, January 3rd at 9am.  
Deadlines for the January 6th issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 30th at noon  
Community News: Mon. Jan. 3rd at noon  
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# Briefs

## Church to hold Christmas Eve service

The Lovells Community Chapel, 8133 Bald Hill Rd., Lovells, will hold a Christmas Eve candle light service on Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. Pastor Dean Coursey is officiating.

## Secretary of State to close

All state branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 23, Friday, Dec. 24, Thursday, Dec. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31, SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 1, in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays.

## Christmas Eve service scheduled

Bear Lake Christian Church, M-72, 12 miles west of Grayling, will present its annual Christmas Eve service, Dec. 24, at 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Come as you are.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Chamber seeks nominations for 2010 Citizen of the Year

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce has begun its search for a very special man or woman who has given of themselves to make Crawford County a Great Place to Live. The Citizen of the Year is one of the highest honors bestowed by the Chamber and they need your help.

The Citizen of the Year Committee is now accepting nominations. If you know of a person who goes above and beyond the call of duty, is always there when someone needs a hand and who has con-

tributed to make Crawford County a special place, write a letter to the chamber committee or fill out an official nomination form that can be found at the chamber office or online at [www.graylingchamber.com](http://www.graylingchamber.com)

Deadline for nominations is Monday, Jan. 10, at noon. Send your nomination to: Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year Committee, PO Box 406, Grayling, MI 49738 or via email to [executivedirector@graylingchamber.com](mailto:executivedirector@graylingchamber.com)

## Library News

The Crawford County Library Literary (C.C.L.L.) Book Club will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday Dec. 28 at 5 p.m. This month's selection is "Broken For You" by Stephanie Kallos. Please join us for lively discussions and light refreshments. For more information call Jane at (989) 348-9214.

Author Jonathan Rand, well known for his Michigan Chillers, American Chillers and Freddie Fernortner series will be holding a

"Writeshop" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This free children's writing seminar is open to the first 50 qualified young writers between the ages of 9 and 13. To register for the event stop by one of Crawford County Libraries for an entry form. Complete and return the form to the library and you will be registered. If your entry qualifies you will be contacted to pick up your admission ticket. For additional information contact us at (989) 348-9214.

## Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Dec. 30-Jan. 5 will be as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 30

and Jan. 2-5.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

## Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club 13 raffle for Dec. 17 was George Fenton Jr.

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 20 of \$25 each: Pat Money, Paul VanMill, Jack Rabideau (2), Jim Brown, John Besonen (2), Dodie Steffes, Sydney Klee, Bev Smock, Roger Moshier, Jody Lobsinger, Anne Marie Kreszak and Joyce Sorenson.

Grayling Lions Club The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky

## Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 24 - Closed-Monday, Dec. 27 - Lunch - pork riblet sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw and applesauce. Dinner - chicken alfredo with noodles, mixed vegetables, broccoli and peaches. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Dec. 28 - Lunch - roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots and plums. Dinner - stuffed peppers, parsley potatoes, Italian blend and a

fresh orange. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Foot Clinic - appointment required, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - Lunch - pork fritter with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, cauliflower, green beans and sliced apples. Dinner - baked ham with apple glaze, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce and lemon pie. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league and Wii Bowling.

Thursday, Dec. 30 - Closed.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 86 complaints the week of Dec. 13 - Dec. 19.

Nineteen general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, four false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct second-degree-forcible contact, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one assault and battery/simple assault, six larcenies, two fraudulent activities, one damage to property, one drug/narcotic violations, one sex offense/indecent exposure, five public peace disorderly complaints, two health and safety reports, one conser-

vation, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, six miscellaneous arrests, 16 traffic accidents, one hazardous condition, one inspections/investigations-motor vehicle, five family troubles-domestic, five suspicious situations, two driving violations/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## Births

Krista and Cody Malone, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Ann, born at Mercy Hospital on December 14, 2010, at 9:51 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Monica and Joshua Gildner, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Annabelle Jean, born at Mercy Hospital on December 14, 2010, at 12:33 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 13 ozs.

Jessica McBride and David Smith, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Alexander Patrick, born at Mercy Hospital on December 17, 2010, at 5:45 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 14.3 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Joleen Sutton of Grayling, announces the birth a daughter, Savannah Esther Edyth, born at

Mercy Hospital on December 14, 2010, at 4:57 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

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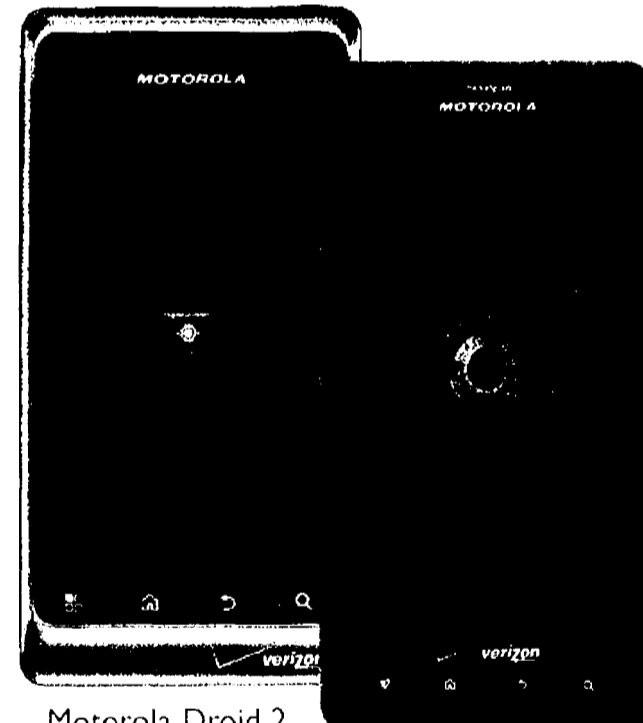
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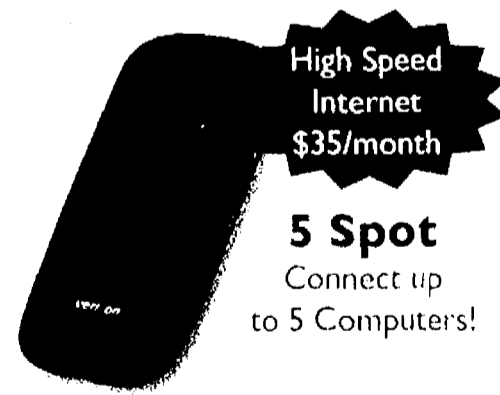
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, that the DNRE proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in land:

Crawford County, Grayling Township T26N. R02W. Sec. 30, 5 acres

The proposed sale of surplus State-owned Land is being placed on the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Agenda for public comment prior to being approved by the DNRE Director. The next meeting of the NRC is scheduled at the following date, time and location:

January 13, 2011  
4:30 p.m.

Diagnostic Center For Population and Animal Health  
4125 Beaumont Road  
Lansing, Michigan

Public appearances before the NRC will begin at 4:30 P.M. and may be scheduled by calling Ms. Debbie Whipple, NRC Secretary, at 517-373-2352.

PLEASE NOTE: This notice is not a solicitation for bids. Further information regarding this case may be obtained by contacting the Real Estate Services Section, DNRE, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948 or via telephone at 517-373-1240.

# The Bible Speaks

## God's Love Is Helpful

Romans 12:9 taught us God's love is honest, not hypocritical. "9Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." Romans 12:10 taught us God's love is humble, not haughty. "10Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;" Romans 12:11 teaches us God's love is helpful, not hindering. "11Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

First, God's love avoids slothfulness. "...Not slothful in business." To be slothful is to be indolent, irksome, grievous, lazy, sluggish, stupid, or dull. The slothful is illustrated in Proverbs 24:30,31. He is too lazy even to eat in Proverbs 26:15; He wastes the food he has in Proverbs 12:27 and 18:9. He gives many excuses for his laziness in Proverbs 26:13,16. He loses his freedom in Proverbs 12:24.

Second, God's love is spiritually activated, "...fervent in spirit..." The word fervent has the thought of being earnest or hot in the faith and not lukewarm. Jesus hated lukewarmness in Revelation 3:15,16. Apollos

illustrated being fervent in the spirit in Acts 18:24-27. Ecclesiastes 9:10 says: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might..." In other words, do your best. James 5:16 teaches us to be fervent in prayer. 1 Peter 4:8 teaches us to be fervent in charity or love. "31Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31).

Third, God's love is serving Almighty God, "...serving the Lord." The word for serving speaks of being a slave or servant to God as supreme in authority. "23And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

God gave us the supreme example of helpful love when He gave His only begotten Son to die for our sins on the Cross of Calvary. "16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). 14And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14).

"8But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.... 10For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." (Rom 5:8,10).

God's love to us through Jesus Christ is the greatest, most helpful love gift given in the universe. "9In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins....19We love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:9,10,19). We can all say with Paul in 1 Timothy 1:15: "15This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." May God's love through us be honest, humble, and helpful toward God and others this Christmas season. Pastor "B"

*The Bible Speaks* is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

## Township board fills trustee position

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Grayling Charter Township Board appointed a retired businessman and volunteer financial guru to serve as a township trustee last week.

Robert "Bruce" Zalobsky was appointed on Friday to fill a vacancy on the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees. Zalobsky will fill out the un-expired term for Township Trustee Linda Munsey, which ends on Nov. 20, 2012.

In August, Munsey defeated incumbent Crawford County Commissioner Mike Lange to take a position on the county board. Her resignation from the township board becomes effective on Dec. 31.

Zalobsky operated a tooling business in Farmington, which eventually moved to Plymouth, for 25 years. He lived in the Highland-Milford area and has been

involved in church finance committees for the last 40 years.

Zalobsky has been coming to the Grayling for over 50 years and he and his wife, Janice, started visiting the area together 45 years ago. The couple eventually had a home built on property that Zalobsky's parents owned on the AuSable River. One of their sons also owns property on the river.

"When we retired, we thought we would retire up here, which we're very pleased we did," Zalobsky said.

The Zalobskys attend the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Zalobsky volunteered to serve on the church's finance committee, and like most groups, eventually became chairman as others have moved on to other commitments.

Albert Ingalls and Claudia "Jeri" Selthoffer also sought to fill the vacancy on the township board.

Last week, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners reappointed Selthoffer to continue serving on the Crawford County Library Board of Trustees.

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright said the board felt that Zalobsky's business skills and ability to crunch numbers will help during the current tough times.

"All three were great candidates," Wright said. "It was a tough decision to make, but we thought Mr. Zalobsky has the financial background that will really help us."

Zalobsky was recently appointed to serve on the township's zoning board and was just getting up to speed after attending four meetings. He will have to resign from that position since he is now serving on the township board.

"Hopefully, I can be of more service on the board of trustees," he said.

## Ice rink open for the season

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Ice hockey and skating replaced skate boarding and BMX cycling behind Grayling City Hall.

City of Grayling employees prepared the communi-

ty's ice skating rink last week in time for the holidays.

The Crawford AuSable School District's winter break begins on Thursday, Dec. 23 and will run through Monday, Jan. 3.

"We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope the weather holds up so people can get out and enjoy the ice rink," said Grayling City Manager/Police Chief Doug Baum.

## Military News

Marine Corps Pfc. Thomas D. Bellish, Jr., son of Becky Huber of Grayling, and Thomas Bellish, of Sterling Heights, recently completed the Basic Electrician's Course.

During the course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C., students receive instruction on the repair and maintenance of generators, transformers and power

lines. In addition to the mechanical skills involved, studies also include circuitry, electrical theory and related safety procedures.

Bellish is a 2008 graduate of Henry Ford I I High School of Sterling Heights.

## Church Directory

<p><b>Christian Science Society</b> 209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord (989) 732-7001</p> <p>Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am April through October 2nd &amp; 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church</b> • Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo 400 Michigan Ave. • (989) 348-2974 www.michelsonmemorial.org • Barrier Free</p> <p>Traditional Service ..... 9 am Sunday School (preschool - 12th grade) ..... 11 am Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am Modern Service ..... 11 am (Childcare Available)</p> <p><b>Seventh Day Adventist</b> Pastor: Bela Kobor • (989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)</p> <p>Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Lovells Community Chapel</b> (Bible based and non-denominational) Pastor: Larry Hankins 8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells (989) 348-2701</p> <p>Sunday School (youth &amp; adults) ..... 9:30 am Morning Worship ..... 11 am Wed Prayer &amp; Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm</p> <p><b>Grayling Free Methodist</b> Pastor: Rick Secord 6652 M-72 West • (989) 348-9093</p> <p>Early Service ..... 8:30 am Sunday School ..... 10 am Morning Service ..... 11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesdays) ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Emma Lowery United Church of Christ</b> 3474 West Park Road, Laverne Sunday Worship ..... 11 am Adult &amp; Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am</p> <p><b>Heritage Baptist</b> Pastor: Ernie Wagner • (989) 348-5558 heritagebaptist-grayling.org 1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:45 am Morning Worship ..... 11 am Afternoon Worship ..... 12:45 pm Wednesday ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Grayling Assembly of God</b> Pastor: Gary Wojdan 701 S. I-75 Business Loop Parsonage (989) 348-7466</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 am Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am Evening Service ..... 6 pm Family Night Adult Youth Children (Weds) ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Westminster-By-The-Lake</b> (East of Ralph MacMillan Conference Center) Worship with us in a beautiful outdoor chapel (989) 821-9474</p> <p>Sunday Worship ..... 11 am</p> <p><b>St. John Lutheran (ELCA)</b> 710 Spruce Street • (989) 348-5224</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:15 am Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b></p> <p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett M-72 West, Grayling • (989) 348-9220</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:45 am Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am Evening Worship ..... 6 pm Prayer &amp; Awana Club (Wed.) ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> Old US-27 at Skyline Rd.</p> <p>In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 &amp; 8 ..... 7:30 am</p> <p>Sunday Classes ..... 10 am Sunday Worship ..... 11 am Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm Wed. Evening of every month there is no service Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 6 pm</p> <p><b>Abundant Life Tabernacle</b> Pastor: Lyle Stader 211 Shellenbarger St. • (989) 348-5325</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 10 am Sunday Worship ..... 11 am &amp; 6 pm Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Grayling Baptist Church</b> Affiliated with S.B.C. Pastor: Fred Seidler • (765) 543-7988 705 Madsen St., Grayling • (989) 915-2755</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:45 am Morning Worship ..... 11 am Evening Service ..... 6 pm Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Bear Lake Christian</b> Pastor: Scott Hoffer M-72 &amp; East Bear Lake Rd. (231) 258-6107</p> <p>Sunday Church Service ..... 10 am - 6:30 pm Sunday School ..... 9 am Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 6:30 pm Youth Group 2nd &amp; 4th Wed ..... 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting (Wed.) ..... 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Church Alive Church of God</b> Pastor: David Barker 506 North Birch St., Kalkaska (231) 258-3448</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 10 am Worship Service ..... 11 am &amp; 6 pm Family Training Hour &amp; Prayer (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS)</b> Pastor: Adam Seelow The Roscommon Community Center, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI 48653 Phone number (989) 275-3070</p> <p>Sunday ..... 9 am</p> <p><b>Friendship Church</b> A Christian Reformed Ministry Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg 415 Ohio North, Gaylord</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9 am Morning Worship ..... 10 am Tue. Women's Bible Study ..... 10 am Wed. Men's Bible Study ..... Noon</p> <p><b>Frederic Worship Center</b> 6164 Old U.S. 27 Frederic Pastor: Gary Thompson (989) 422-3464 • (989) 348-5712</p> <p>Sunday Service ..... 11 am</p> <p><b>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</b> President: David Stephenson 600 North Elm Street, Gaylord</p> <p>Sacrament ..... 10 am Sunday School ..... 11 am Primary ..... 11 am Priesthood ..... Noon Relief Society ..... Noon</p> <p><b>Grayling Evangelical Free Church</b> Pastor: Dave Schultz 557 South I-75 Business Loop (Across from the army airfield) Phone: 989-390-6716 pastordave@graylingfreechurch.org Sunday Service ..... 10 am www.graylingfreechurch.org</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b></p> <p><b>7662 Kelly Ave. Frederic</b></p> <p>First Baptist Church of Frederic Pastor: Dale Hammond</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:45 am Morning Worship ..... 11 am Evening Worship ..... 6 pm Wed. Prayer &amp; Bible Study ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Unity Church of Today North</b> Minister: Terry Dickinson Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at thurd@freeway.net</p> <p><b>Luzerne Baptist</b> Pastor: James Durfee • 2247 Durfee Lane Sunday School ..... 10 am Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>Church Alive!</b> Pastor: Robert D. Klug • (989) 348-1278 501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 10 am Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am Wednesday Evening Service Worship &amp; Prayer ..... 7 pm (van transportation available) URL: <a href="http://burningbushlutheran.com">http://burningbushlutheran.com</a> Pastor: pastor@burningbushlutheran.com</p> <p><b>Community of Christ</b> Pastor: Ann Doy • North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. • (989) 348-9751</p> <p>Church School ..... 9:45 am Preaching ..... 11 am Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm</p> <p><b>St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community</b> Pastor: Rev. James Bears Associate Pastor: Peter Eke Parish Office: 707 Spruce (989) 348-7657</p> <p>Saturday Evening Masses ..... 4:30 pm Sunday Masses ..... 10 am</p> <p><b>St. Francis Episcopal</b> Reverend: Elizabeth Chace M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850</p> <p>Morning Prayer Tue-Fri ..... 8:30 am Eucharist (Wed) ..... 8:30 am Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</p> <p><b>Resurrection Life Center</b> Pastor: Bud &amp; Debbie Mann Mail: 2640 West M-72 Grayling, MI 49738 reslifeccenter.com • Phone: (989) 348-1000</p> <p>Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am Midweek Services (Wed) ..... 7 pm E-mail: <a href="mailto:reslifefellowship@hotmail.com">reslifefellowship@hotmail.com</a></p> <p><b>St. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)</b> 905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop (at junction of M-93 &amp; Old 27) (989) 348-5921</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service ..... 10:45 am</p>
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## In Memory of

Tiffany Marie Davis, 29, of 4706 Alamance Road, Fayetteville, formerly of Grayling, passed away Friday, January 1, 2010 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at Sullivan's Highland Funeral Service in Fayetteville, with Darwin Hudson officiating. The family received friends on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial was held at Cross Creek Cemetery.

She is survived by son, Ryan R. Stone of Lawrenceville, Ga.; daughter, Vanessa M. Barron of Fayetteville; mother, Louise K. Davis of Fayetteville; father and step-mother, Michael and Katie Davis of Fayetteville; two sisters, Emily Spielman of Germany and Michelle Davis of Fayetteville; paternal grandfather and step-grandmother, George and Clova Davis of Fayetteville; and paternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Marlene and Dwayne Ammerman of Flint.

Sadly missed by family and friends

## Obituaries

### Jeanne Feldhauser

Jeanne Wakeley Feldhauser, 87, passed away on December 13, 2010, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

She was born in Roscommon, on August 31, 1923, to William and Ella (Duffee) Fowler.

She married James Wakeley on July 8, 1941, he preceded her in death after 32 years of marriage. She married Donald Feldhauser on October 10, 1977, he also preceded her in death.

She graduated from Roscommon High School and still had lunch monthly with three of her high school friends.

She lived most of her adult life on the uSable River. Almost all of those years at Wakeley Bridge, where she and Jim owned Jim's Canoe Livery for nearly 30 years. She spent all but a few years of the rest of her life just across the river from the canoe livery.

She was a member of Michelson Memorial Church in Grayling.

She is survived by daughter, Jill Wyman of Grayling; son-in-law, Dave Wyman of Grayling; grandchildren: Dawn (Joel) Sarraut of Adrian, Ron (Becky) Wyman and Alison (Ted) Baynham of Grayling; great-grandchildren: Zach and Nick Sarraut, Andy, Tyler and Dylan Wyman and Cody Baynham; brother, Bernie (Pat) Fowler of Grayling; two special nephews, David (Colleen) Wyss and Hank (Annie) Feldhauser, both of Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Leona French and Naomi Nolan.

She will be remembered for her kind spirit, gentle nature and her love of Native American Culture. A celebration of her life will take place in the spring.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Christian Help Center, Grayling.

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### Richard R. Robbins

Richard Raymond Robbins, 32, of Grayling, passed away on December 5, 2010.

He was born in Grayling, on November 11, 1978, the son of Roger Robbins of Grayling and Linda (Beals) Ripley of Marshall.

He is survived by his father, Roger Robbins of Grayling; mother, Linda (Mel) Ripley of Marshall; stepmother, Nancy Robbins of Roscommon; companion, Dawn Wakeley of Grayling; daughter, Sheeney Ripley of Marshall; brothers: Jason Beals of Lansing, Roger Robbins, Jr. of Grayling, Robert Robbins of Novi, Zachary Robbins of Roscommon; and step-sister, Mara (Chris) Springer of Florida.

A memorial service was held in Roscommon.

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## St. Francis ends wrestling team's league win streak

Vikings win 57-6 vs. Boyne, fall 39-33 to TCSF

by Caleb Casey  
 Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's wrestling team won one and lost one in a three-team conference meet at Boyne City last Thursday, ending the squad's multi-season unbeaten streak in league competition.

Grayling posted three consecutive undefeated seasons - 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010 - in league play. The Vikings also won the Lake Michigan

Conference tournament in each of those seasons to clinch three consecutive league titles.

On Thursday night, the Vikings, who had a 2-0 record in league play so far this season, battled Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis, starting with the Ramblers.

Ty Jensen (160) won a 5-1 decision for Grayling. Jeff Myers (171) pinned his Boyne City opponent in the first round. Rob Ryan (189) won by default. Ryan Randall (215) pinned his Boyne City counterpart in the first round. Both teams forfeited the heavyweight division. Ghayge Toomey (103) and Anthony Morse (112) both won by default.

Boyne City won by pin at 119 - the team's only victory of the match.

Cody Elmy (125) scored a pin in the first round. Olivia Peters (130) pinned her Boyne City opponent in the first round. Joe White (135) won by pin in the third round. Jacob Ervin (140) won by default. Both teams forfeited 145 and 152.

Grayling won 57-6.

The Vikings then battled



Joe White wrestles against Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday at Boyne City.

the Gladiators in a series that came down to the final weight class.

Traverse City St. Francis won by pin at 160 to lead 6-0. Jensen (171) won an 11-7 decision for Grayling. The Gladiators scored a second round pin at 189.

Ryan (215) won by pin in the first round. Randall (heavyweight) also pinned his Traverse City St. Francis opponent in the first round, giving GHS a 15-12 lead. Toomey (103) won a 6-4 decision, adding three points to Grayling's team total.

The Gladiators won by pin at 112 and 119. TCSF led by six, 24-18.

Elmy (125) pinned his Traverse City St. Francis

counterpart in the second round, tying the score at 24-24.

Peters (130) won an 8-6 decision, earning three team points for GHS. Traverse City St. Francis tied the score at 27-27 with a 16-10 victory at 135.

The Gladiators scored a pin in the third round at 140. Traverse City St. Francis forfeited at 145 and Paul Ferris won by default, tying the score at 33-33.

Grayling did not have a wrestler at 152 - the final weight class of the meet - so the Gladiators won by six, 39-33.

The Vikings will host Rogers City and Kingsley at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

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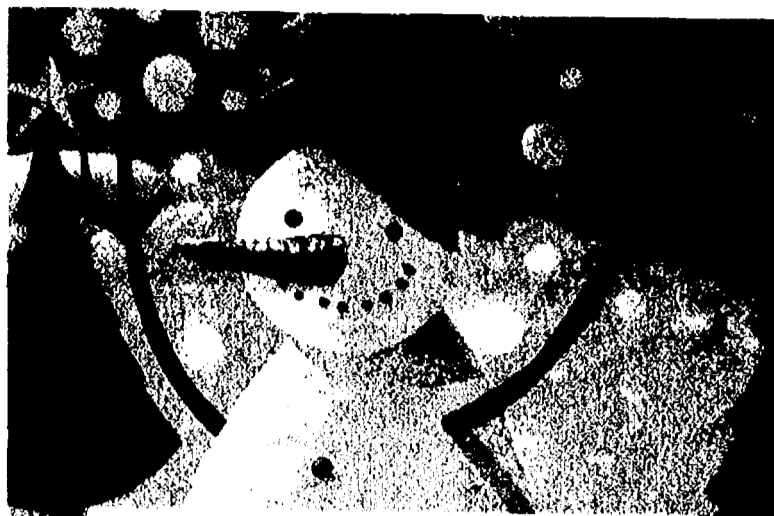
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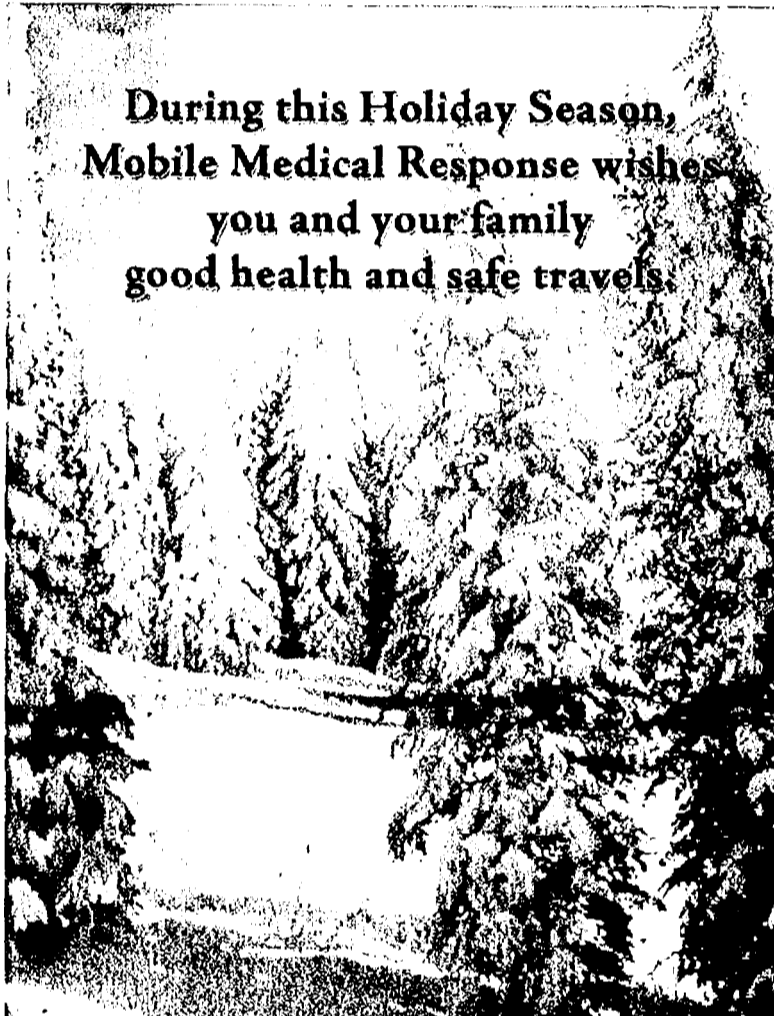



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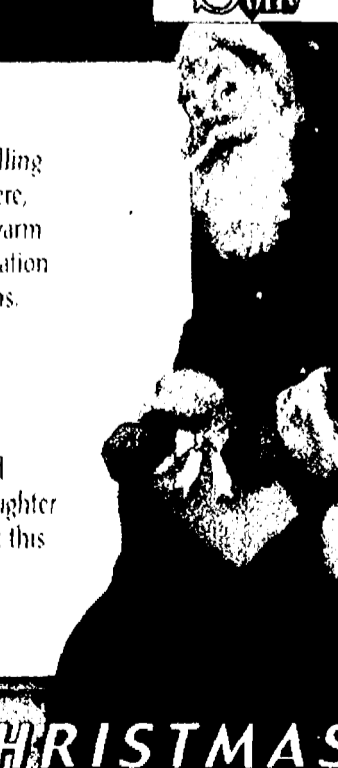
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## Second half effort wins finale for 7th/8th grade combo team

### Middle school squad defeats Kalkaska 34-14

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The 7th/8th grade combo team from Grayling Middle School outscored the visiting Kalkaska Blazers 18-2 in the second half of Wednesday night's boys basketball game, an effort that helped the Vikings win by 20, 34-14, in their 2010 season finale.

Grayling started strong, outscoring Kalkaska 10-2 in the first four minutes of the contest. The Vikings led 10-

4 after one quarter of play. At halftime, Grayling led by four, 16-12.

The Vikings outscored Kalkaska 10-2 in the third period. The Blazers did not score at all in the final six minutes, and GMS added eight points to its total in the fourth quarter. With an 18-2 second half performance, Grayling won 34-14.

Dylan Wyman had 12 points for the Vikings. Zane Pittman finished with 10 points. Tyler Wyman scored six points, Jeremiah McGrath had four points, and Jeremy Garcia scored two.

The team finished the season with a record of 7-5.

"I thought the kids worked hard. They improved throughout the year," Coach John Junttila said. "It was nice to see them finish on a high note."

On Tuesday night, the



Logan Duvall shoots for the Vikings vs. Kalkaska on Wednesday night.

Vikings lost 35-4 vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth in a game played at Grayling Middle School. The game, originally scheduled for Dec. 13, was moved to Tuesday, Dec. 14, due to cancellation of school on

Monday. Traverse City led 16-2 at halftime. St. Elizabeth outscored GMS 19-2 in the second half.

Raven Tackett and Pittman scored baskets for the Vikings.

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Trent Hickman dribbles the ball for GMS during last week's game against Kalkaska.

## 7th graders end season with losses vs. Traverse City, Kalkaska

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The GMS 7th grade boys basketball team ended its 2010 season with a 33-24 loss vs. the visiting Kalkaska Blazers on Wednesday night.

Grayling trailed 14-7 at halftime. The Vikings were down by 10 going into the fourth quarter and eventually lost by nine.

Blake Gregory scored 16 of Grayling's 24 points. Spencer Kent, Trent Hickman, Nic LaLonde, and Luke Sheehan each scored two points for the 7th grade Vikings.

Grayling lost a close game vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth on Tuesday night. The match, played at Grayling Middle School, was a make-up game from Monday, Dec. 13 - a day in which Grayling's schools were closed due to weather conditions.

Traverse City led 6-2 after one quarter. At halftime, St. Elizabeth had an 8-6 edge. Traverse City had a two-point lead, 14-12, going into the final six minutes of regulation.

## Freshman team wins 73-30 vs. EJ

The GHS freshman boys basketball team jumped out to an early lead and cruised to a 73-30 victory vs. the East Jordan Red Devils in a contest played at Grayling Middle School on Friday night.

"The team came out on fire defensively and caused a lot of early turnovers, and this time we converted those points early. The pressure during the first quarter continued to disturb East Jordan and we led 20-4 at the end of the first quarter. We continued to play a solid press defense in the second quarter but struggled a little in our man-to-man, which is a focus of emphasis this year," Coach Craig Hofman said.

Grayling had a 39-15 advantage at halftime.

"I thought our bench came in and played well. We had very solid effort all the way around. We have a long way to go and need to continue work on our defense and offensive sets," Coach Hofman said. "We have some tough scrimmages over the break that will challenge us to work on these things."

Geoff Wilson had 24 points for Grayling. Tyler McClanahan had 13 points, seven assists, and three steals. Michael Branch had eight points. Tyler Summers had eight points and four

rebounds. Matt Burrell had five points, six assists, and six steals. Peyton Zigila had eight steals. Richie Sanford had four points and four steals. CJ White had three points. Mitchell Thompson, Zigila, and Brandon Latusek added two points each.

Grayling (2-0 overall, 1-0 league) will host Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at GMS.

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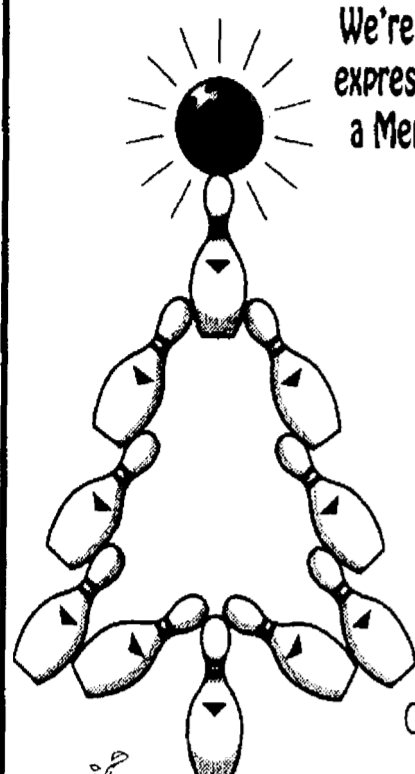
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## Strong start helps 8th grade team win 10th game

### Vikings end year with wins vs. Traverse City, Kalkaska

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade boys basketball squad jumped out to a 17-2 lead in last Wednesday's home game vs. Kalkaska – the final contest of the 2010 season for the Vikings – and Grayling eventually won the match by 15 points, 44-29.

Grayling started the game with a 17-2 run. The Vikings scored the first six points of the contest with lay-ups by Scout Tobin and Carson Burmeister and an inside shot by Darin Nicholas. Kalkaska scored a jump shot at the 4:37 mark.

The Vikings scored 11 unanswered points to extend their lead to 15. The series included three baskets by Tobin, a jump shot by Jacob Hinkle, and a three-point play by Nicholas. Grayling had a 17-5 lead after one quarter of play.

Kalkaska hit a three-point-er to start the second period. Danny Schultz scored a lay-up for GMS. Kalkaska hit the next two baskets to pull within seven.

The Vikings finished the second half with a 13-0 run. Gunner Metzger started it with a jump shot at the 3:33 mark. Hinkle converted two shots from the free-throw line. Nicholas scored an inside shot. Hinkle hit a three-pointer. Tobin drove for a lay-up. A put-back by Nicholas in the final seconds of the second period gave Grayling a 32-12 lead.

In a low-scoring third period, Grayling scored two points on a jump shot by Schultz. The Vikings led 34-18 going into the fourth quarter.

Kalkaska scored 11 points in the final six-minute quar-

ter. Grayling scored 10 with a three-point play by Hinkle, a put-back by Emmett Helsel, a lay-up by Tobin, a jumper by Dallas Johnson, and one free throw by Schultz. The Vikings won 44-29.

Tobin finished with 12 points. Hinkle added 10 points. Nicholas scored nine points. Burmeister, Metzger, Helsel, and Johnson each scored two points for GMS.

With Wednesday's win vs. Kalkaska, Grayling finished its 2010 season with a final record of 10 wins and two losses.

"The kids worked hard this winter," Coach Rocky Tobin said. "Very coachable kids."

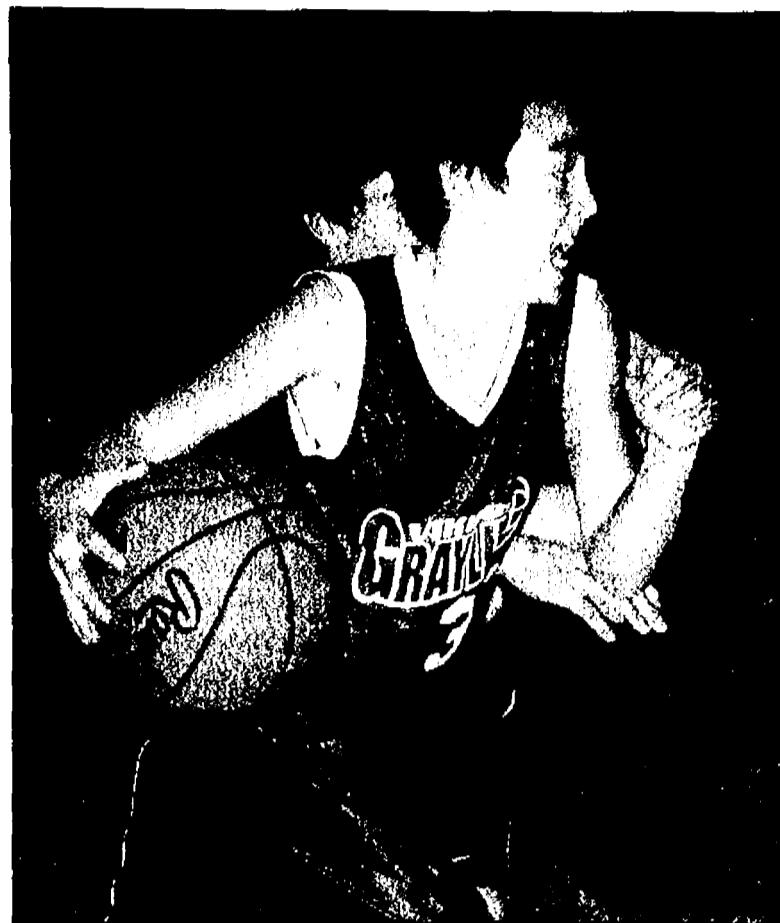
"The kids gave a good effort," Coach Tobin said. "Hopefully they'll work over the summer to get ready to play at the high school level."

The night before Wednesday's season finale, the Vikings hosted Traverse City St. Elizabeth in a make-up game. The contest, slated for last Monday, was moved forward one day due to cancellation of school on Dec. 13.

Tuesday night's contest was close all the way through, with Grayling finishing on top, 32-28.

Grayling led 9-3 after one quarter, scoring nine points with a three-pointer by Hinkle, a lay-up by Tobin, and jump shots by Metzger and Tobin.

St. Elizabeth scored the first four points of the second quarter with an inside shot and two free throws. Tobin hit a jump shot and scored on a lay-up following a steal, putting the Vikings back up by six.



Dallas Johnson handles the ball for Grayling vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth on Tuesday.

Traverse City scored the next three baskets, tying the game at 13-13. Helsel hit an inside shot for GMS. Nicholas hit one of two at the free-throw line. Grayling led 16-13 at halftime.

St. Elizabeth pulled ahead for the first time, scoring the first four points of the third quarter with an inside shot and two free throws. Nicholas scored a lay-up to put the Vikings up by one. Mason Papendick hit an inside shot for GMS. Grayling scored the last two points of the period with a jumper by Schultz.

The Vikings took a four-point lead, 22-18, into the final six minutes.

Tobin hit one of two free throws for Grayling. St. Elizabeth went on an 8-0 run to lead 26-23 with 2:39 remaining in regulation.

Tobin hit a three-pointer at the 2:18 mark, tying the

game at 26-26. Helsel's inside shot at the 1:53 mark gave Grayling a two-point advantage. Traverse City scored an inside shot to tie the game at 28-28.

Nicholas hit the go-ahead jump shot with 59 seconds remaining. Tobin scored a fast break lay-up with 41 seconds left in the fourth quarter – the last basket of the contest – and Grayling held on for a four-point win, 32-28.

Tobin finished with a team-high 14 points. Nicholas scored five and Helsel had four points. Hinkle finished with three. Metzger, Papendick, and Schultz each had two.

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## Boys win, girls lose in JV basketball series at East Jordan

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball squad won another close game on Thursday night at East Jordan – the team is 3-0, having won by six, seven, and four – but Grayling's JV girls basketball team fell to 2-2 with a 60-33 loss vs. the Red Devils in the other game of the doubleheader.

In the boys' game, Grayling trailed 43-34 going into the fourth quarter. The Vikings outscored East Jordan 19-6 in the last eight minutes to complete the comeback.

"After trailing by nine at the start of the fourth quarter we outscored (East Jordan) 19-6 in the fourth quarter to come back and win. We dominated the game in all statistics except for shooting," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

The team finished at 0 for 9 from three-point range and

17 for 55 from two-point distance. The Vikings had 25 steals in the game and 27 rebounds.

Tyler Powers had 12 points and four steals. Justice Junttila had eight points. Wes Dean had eight points, eight rebounds, and five steals. Jake Swander had eight points and five steals. Jeff Enos had seven points. Mason Krey four, Louis Menard three, and Jacob Robinson three.

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In the girls' game, the Vikings lost 60-33.

"We jumped out to a 6-0 lead, then gave up 17 straight points and never recovered. The difference in the game was shooting – each team took 68 shots, we made 13 and they made 25. We boxed out well against a much bigger team and hustled the whole game," Coach Doug Pummell said. "We will con-

tinue to get better as the season goes on."

Hannah Haven had 12 points, seven rebounds, and six steals. Alyssa Morley had three points, six rebounds, and six steals. Maddie Benardo had six points, four rebounds, and four steals. Rachel Dubriwny had three points. Stanna Dorn had four points and four steals. Tara Pummell had three points, five rebounds, three assists, and three steals. Marie Lautrup had two points and three steals. Meagan Malm had four steals.

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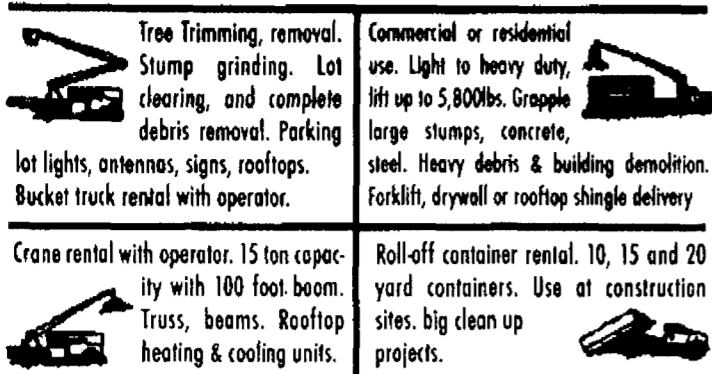
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# Free throws the difference in 53-51 win for Grayling

## Girls basketball team hits 21 of 25 at line vs. EJ

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

In a varsity girls basketball contest that featured 61 free throw attempts, the Grayling Vikings – the winning team by a two-point margin (53-51) – shot 84 percent from the line and the visiting East Jordan Red Devils shot 53 percent.

The Vikings made 21 of 25 free throw attempts, including seven of eight in the fourth quarter, and East Jordan finished at 19 of 36, hitting only six of 16 in the final eight minutes of play.

East Jordan led 10-8 at the end of the first quarter. Grayling scored its eight points with a jump shot by center Abbey Thomas, two free throws by Thomas, an inside shot by forward Caitlin Prosser, and a drive by guard Jo Hamlin.

Grayling tied the game at 10-10 with a jumper by Hamlin. East Jordan hit two free throws. Thomas converted two free throw attempts. Grayling led by two with a jump shot by guard Cierra Prosser. East Jordan scored two on an inside shot. Thomas scored on a put-back. A 6-0 run by the Red Devils gave them a 20-16 lead.

A put-back by Thomas cut the lead to two. East Jordan hit one of two at the free-throw line. A hook shot by Thomas pulled GHS within one. Thomas hit two free throws. East Jordan scored an inside shot. Guard Teresa Schreiber converted two free throws. The Red Devils hit two from the free-throw line. East Jordan led 25-24 at halftime.

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*Last week's scores*  
Grayling 53, East Jordan 51  
Kalkaska 70, Boyer City 18  
St. Francis 64, Charlevoix 41  
Elk Rapids 43, Harbor Springs 35

Grayling scored 16 points in the third period to East Jordan's 14. Forward Ann Hamlin scored two on a put-back. J. Hamlin hit a jump shot. Schreiber hit two free throws. J. Hamlin hit another jumper and Schreiber drove to the basket for two. Ci. Prosser hit a jump shot. Schreiber, fouled on a three-pointer at the third quarter buzzer, converted all three attempts at the free-throw line. The Vikings led 40-39 going into the final eight minutes of regulation.

The Red Devils scored the first six points of the fourth quarter to lead by five, 45-40.

Thomas hit a jump shot. A put-back by Thomas pulled Grayling within two. Thomas hit two free throws. At the 2:41 mark, Thomas scored an inside shot, giving GHS a 48-46 lead. In two trips to the free-throw line East Jordan hit two of four, tying the game at 48-48. Schreiber hit two free throws for Grayling. East Jordan missed two free throws at the 2:05 mark.



**Abbey Thomas takes an inside shot for Grayling vs. East Jordan.**

Schreiber converted two more free throws at the 1:53 mark.

East Jordan cut Grayling's lead to two with a jump shot. Ci. Prosser hit one of two at the free-throw line. East Jordan hit one free throw to pull within two, 53-51, with 44 seconds remaining.

Grayling shot and missed and East Jordan rebounded. The Vikings forced a tie-up at the other end and the possession arrow favored Grayling. The Vikings shot and missed. East Jordan lost the ball out of bounds. With less than one second remaining Grayling had possession. A long in-bounds pass didn't touch any players and went out of bounds, giving East Jordan the ball on its end of the court. The Red Devils bobbed the in-bounds pass and didn't get a shot off. Grayling won by two.

"Even though we did not have our best game, the girls played really hard. When you have a lot of effort, good things will happen. I'm proud of the girls by winning a close game and winning when not everything went our way as we

had three starters foul out of the game," Coach Joe Powers said.

"After shaky free throw shooting in the first three games, the girls really strived to improve from the charity stripe. Two weeks of intensive work on their free throw shooting paid off," Coach Powers said. "We say that games are won from the free-throw line all the time in practice and our girls won the game tonight from the line."

Thomas finished with 22 points (8 for 8 from the free-throw line) and 16 rebounds. Schreiber scored 11 of her 13 points at the free-throw line (11 for 13) and had nine rebounds and six steals. J. Hamlin had eight points and five assists.

"Teresa made some difficult free throws as she made three as the third quarter expired. It's really difficult to shoot when no one else is on the lane and each set of eyes are on you. She showed senior leadership," Coach Powers said.

The Vikings (2-2 overall, 1-0 league) will host Houghton Lake at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

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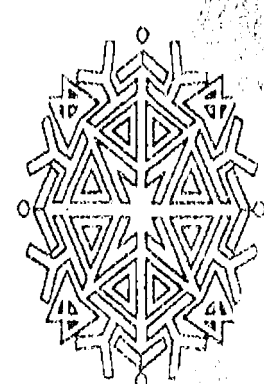




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**MORTGAGE SALE:** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark R. Cdebaca, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2005, and recorded

on October 4, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 783, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$50,504.67), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2011. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Easterly 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, being a piece of land 60 feet wide by 120 feet long, fronting 60 feet on Ingham Street and extending across the entire width of said Lots 1 and 2 in Block 3; and the Southerly 10 feet of Lot 3 of Block 3, being a piece of land 10 feet wide and 120 feet long, fronting 10 feet on Chestnut Street, all in Block 3 of O.M. Barnes

Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, Page 5, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2010  
For more information, please call: FC'S (248) 593-1304  
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# Vikings move to 3-0 with first conference victory

## Boys basketball squad defeats East Jordan 72-44

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

It was only close for one quarter. Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team picked up its third win of the season – the first in conference play – on Friday night, outscoring the visiting East Jordan Red Devils 56-29 in the last three periods.

Grayling led by one, 16-15, at the end of the first quarter. East Jordan opened the game with a three-point shot and outscored the Vikings 9-2 in the first three minutes of the contest. Grayling responded with an 8-0 run, scoring on a put-back by center Griffin Dean, two jump shots by forward Steven Enos, and an inside shot by forward Tom Burrell.

East Jordan hit a jumper to go back up by one. Two free throws by Dean and an inside shot by forward Jake Helsel gave GHS a 14-11 lead. Grayling scored its last points of the quarter with two free throws by Dean.

East Jordan scored a lay-up early in the second quarter. Grayling outscored the Red Devils 12-0 in the next five minutes of clock time to lead by 11, 28-17. The series included a jumper by guard Riley Zigila, a fast break lay-up by Zigila, a

### Lake Michigan Conference

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Boyer City	1-0
Charlevoix	1-0
GRAYLING	1-0
Elk Rapids	1-0
East Jordan	0-1
Harbor Springs	0-1
Kalkaska	0-1
St. Francis	0-1

#### Last week's scores

Grayling 72, East Jordan 44  
Boyer City 53, Kalkaska 42  
Charlevoix 66, St. Francis 58  
Elk Rapids 54, Harbor Springs 43

free throw by Dean, a drive by Enos, an inside shot by Enos, and a three-point play by Zigila.

At halftime, Grayling had a 33-23 lead.

The Vikings outscored the Red Devils 19-9 in the third quarter. Grayling scored its 19 points with a jumper by guard Zane Tobin, a lay-up by Tobin, an inside shot by Dean, a drive by Enos, a three-point play by Tobin, an inside shot by Helsel, a lay-up by Tobin, and four free throws by Enos.

Grayling finished strong, outscoring the visitors 20-12 in the final eight minutes. The Vikings got their 20 from two free throws by Helsel, a triple by Enos, one free throw by Dean, an inside shot by Enos, two free throws by guard Scott Parkinson, a free throw by Tobin, a three-point by guard Devon Dawson, a put-back by Dawson, and a jump shot by forward Ryan Teeple.

Enos finished with 22 points. Dean had a double-double with 12 points, 12 rebounds, and seven steals. Tobin finished with 10 points and five assists.



**Riley Zigila draws a foul on a lay-up attempt during the second quarter of Friday's league game vs. East Jordan. He made the shot and the free throw for a three-point play.**

"We struggled to get out of the gates early. East Jordan ran a box in one and it took our kids a quarter till we settled down and found the weaknesses of the zone. In the second half we did a much better job of sharing the basketball and it led to several open shots for our team," Coach Rich Moffit said. "If we are going to improve on the offensive end of the court, it is

extremely important that our players understand that they must share the ball and trust their teammates by passing to the open man."

"Defensively, our press was okay today. I thought our half-court man-to-man was pretty good. Our kids did a good job of communicating and contesting shots," Coach Moffit said.

"Jake Helsel, who has been out with a broken foot, began to look like his old self on the court. He was active on the boards. We are going to need him at 100 percent as we enter into the meat of our league schedule. Griffin Dean played solid at both ends of the court – 12 points, 12 boards, and seven steals. Devon Dawson also provided us with a spark coming off the bench with his defense and hustle," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings (3-0 overall, 1-0 league) will host Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

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Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Marjean G. Helsel to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated September 1, 2000 and was recorded on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516 on pages 633 to 638 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen and 70/100 (\$83,313.70) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed

by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on January 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 7.375% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

Lot 5, Block 28, of ROFFEES ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the

date of the sale unless a notice is received pursuant to MCL 600.3241a(1)(C) in which case the redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 9, 2010

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# SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP December 14, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.  
Attending: Luck, George, Janisse,  
Luck and Musselman. Absent:  
None.  
Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion** by S. Luck, and seconded  
by Musselman, to accept agenda  
as presented with changes. Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded  
by George, to accept consent agenda,  
November Regular Meeting  
Minutes, bills and invoices paid,  
and projected bills for December,  
the Treasurer's Report, and  
Fire/EMT Report as presented.  
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion  
passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded  
by Musselman to approve three  
members of the Fire/EMS Dept.  
attending the I.T.M. Trauma Class  
on December 18, 2010 at a cost of  
\$170.00 each for a total cost of  
\$510.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None.  
Motion passed.

**Motion** by Musselman and seconded  
by Janisse to sign the  
Roscommon County EMS Mutual  
Aid Agreement, with the sugges-  
tion that Sect. 10 under the agree-  
ment be clarified regarding fees  
charged to requesting agencies.  
Ayes: Four. Nays: One. Motion  
passed.

**Motion** by Janisse and seconded by  
L. Luck to approve the garage light-  
ing system project for the Fire Hall,  
at a cost of \$2,423.00. The work is  
to be done by Mark A. Smith  
Electric, Inc. Ayes: All. Nays:  
None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Musselman and seconded  
by S. Luck to sign off and accept  
the 50/50 grant from the DNRE in  
the amount of \$2,080.00 to pur-  
chase a new pump for 452B. Ayes:  
All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck and seconded  
by Musselman to proceed with the  
grant application for the purchase  
of the water tanker. Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse and seconded by  
L. Luck to approve for payment  
invoices from the attorney in the  
amount of \$2,316.00 total. Ayes:  
All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse and seconded by  
Musselman to allow the Treasurer  
to collect the 2011 Summer Taxes  
on behalf of C.O.O.R. and Kirtland  
Community College. Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse and seconded by  
Musselman to adopt the Township  
Credit Card Policy with suggested  
changes. Ayes: All. Nays: None.  
Motion passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck and seconded  
by George to support the opening  
Forrester Rd to Hall Rd., and S.  
McMasters Bridge Rd, north of M-  
18 to the Lovell's Township line to  
ORVs if we can find no reason not  
to. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion  
passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck and seconded  
by Janisse to approve the Frasier  
Land Division Application under  
parcel no. 063-011-003-100-00.  
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion  
passed.

**Motion** by S. Luck and seconded  
by Musselman to re-appoint the  
current members of the Board of  
Review to another term. Ayes: All.  
Nays: None. Motion passed.

No public comment. Meeting  
adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default  
having been made in the terms and  
conditions of a certain mortgage  
made by Kenneth E. Minard and  
Dawn C. Minard, husband and wife  
and Christopher Squire and Ashley  
A. Squire, husband and wife, as  
joint tenants of Crawford County,  
Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage  
Electronic Registration Systems,  
Inc. dated the 22nd day of October,  
A.D. 2008, and recorded in the  
office of the Register of Deeds, for  
the County of Crawford and State  
of Michigan, on the 6th day of  
November, A.D. 2008, as Book  
693, Page 760 of Crawford  
Records, which said mortgage was  
assigned to GMAC Mortgage,  
L.L.C. thru mesne assignments, on  
which mortgage there is claimed to  
be due, at the date of this notice, for  
principal of \$90,212.98 (ninety  
thousand two hundred twelve and

98/100) plus accrued interest at  
7.500% (seven point five zero zero)  
percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law  
or in equity having been instituted  
to recover the debt secured by said  
mortgage or any part thereof. Now,  
therefore, by virtue of the power of  
sale contained in said mortgage,  
and pursuant to the statute of the  
State of Michigan in such case  
made and provided, notice is here-  
by given that on, the 12th day of  
January, A.D., 2011, at 10:00:00  
AM said mortgage will be fore-  
closed by a sale at public auction, to  
the highest bidder, at the front door  
to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI,  
Crawford County, Michigan, of the  
premises described in said mort-  
gage. Which said premises are  
described as follows: All that cer-  
tain piece or parcel of land situate  
in the Township of Grayling, in the  
County of Crawford and State of  
Michigan and described as follows  
to wit:

SITUATED IN THE STATE OF  
MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF  
CRAWFORD, TOWNSHIP OF  
GRAYLING, AND DESCRIBED  
AS FOLLOWS: PART OF THE  
EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH-  
WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWN  
26 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST,  
DESCRIBED AS: COMMENC-  
ING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER  
CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1;  
THENCE N01°01'41"E, 33.04  
FEET; THENCE N87°49'00"W  
ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF  
WAY OF FRIER TUCK LANE,  
314.79 FEET; THENCE  
N06°45'50" W ALONG THE  
EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF LIT-  
TLE JOHN AVENUE, 1770.93  
FEET TO THE POINT OF  
BEGINNING; THENCE  
N06°46'00"W ALONG THE EAST  
RIGHT OF WAY OF LITTLE  
JOHN AVENUE, 300.00 FEET;  
THENCE: N83°14'18"E PARAL-  
LEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF  
LOT 82 OF SHERWOOD FORE-  
ST NO. 2 250.06 FEET;  
THENCE S06°46'00"E PARAL-  
LEL TO THE EAST RIGHT OF  
WAY OF LITTLE JOHN AVENUE  
300.00 FEET TO THE NORTH-  
EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT  
82; THENCE S83°14'18"W  
ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF  
SAID LOT 82, 250.06 FEET TO  
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Parcel Number 040-42-001-09-  
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six months from the date of such  
sale, unless determined abandoned  
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600.3241a, in which case the  
redemption period shall be 30 days  
from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 9, 2010

WELTMAN, WEINBERG &  
REIS CO., L.P.A.  
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co.,  
L.P.A.  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has  
been made in the conditions of a  
mortgage made by Michelle  
Kukulski, an Unmarried Woman,  
original mortgagor(s), to Argent  
Mortgage Company, L.L.C.,  
Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2005,  
and recorded on June 1, 2005 in  
Liber 675 on Page 709, and  
assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S.  
Bank National Association, as  
Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage  
Loan Asset-Backed Certificates,  
Series 2006-MH1 as assignee as  
documented by an assignment, in  
Crawford county records,  
Michigan, on which mortgage there  
is claimed to be due at the date  
hereof the sum of Seventy  
Thousand One Hundred Ninety-  
Four and 85/100 Dollars  
(\$70,194.85), including interest at  
8.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained  
in said mortgage and the statute in  
such case made and provided,  
notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a  
sale of the mortgaged premises, or  
some part of them, at public ven-  
due, at the place of holding the cir-  
cuit court within Crawford County,  
at 10:00 AM, on January 26, 2011.  
Said premises are situated in  
Township of Grayling, Crawford  
County, Michigan, and are  
described as: A Parcel of land located  
in the Northeast 1/4 of the  
Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4  
of section 34, Town 27 North,  
Range 2 West, Grayling Township,

Crawford County, Michigan being  
further described as: Beginning at  
the South 1/4 corner of said section  
34, Town 27 North, Range 2 West,  
thence North 0 degrees 43 minutes  
00 seconds East along the North-  
South 1/4 line 3340.20 feet for a  
poing of beginning; thence contin-  
uing North 00 degrees 43 minutes 00  
seconds East a distance of 333.75  
feet; thence North 89 degrees 40  
minutes 42 seconds West a distance  
of 656.00 feet; thence South 00  
degrees 41 minutes 59 seconds  
West (Recorded as 00 degrees 40  
minutes 30 seconds West) a dis-  
tance of 333.50 feet, thence South  
89 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds  
East (recorded as South 89 degrees  
42 minutes East 655.50 feet) a dis-  
tance of 655.90 feet to the point of  
beginning.  
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months from the date of such sale,  
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accordance with MCLA 600.3241a,  
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od shall be 30 days from the date of  
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Dated: December 23, 2010

For more information, please call:  
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Attorneys For Servicer

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has  
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mortgage made by Donna M  
Gossett and Kevin A Gossett wife  
and husband, original mortgagor(s),  
to Mortgage North, Mortgagee,  
dated October 27, 2003, and  
recorded on October 29, 2003 in  
Liber 657 on Page 62, and modified  
by agreement dated August 12,  
2008, and recorded on February 18,  
2009 in Liber 694 on Page 639, and  
assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth  
Third Mortgage as assignee as docu-  
mented by an assignment, in  
Crawford county records,  
Michigan, on which mortgage there  
is claimed to be due at the date  
hereof the sum of Fifty-One  
Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-  
Eight and 62/100 Dollars  
(\$51,868.62), including interest at  
7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained  
in said mortgage and the statute in  
such case made and provided,  
notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a  
sale of the mortgaged premises, or  
some part of them, at public ven-  
due, at the place of holding the cir-  
cuit court within Crawford County,  
at 10:00 AM, on January 26, 2011.  
Said premises are situated in  
Township of Beaver Creek,  
Crawford County, Michigan, and  
are described as: Parcel E: Being a  
part of the Northeast 1/4 of the  
Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25  
North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek  
Township, Crawford County,  
Michigan, commencing at the  
Northeast corner of Section 4,  
Town 25 North Range 3 West;  
thence South 1 degrees 24 minutes  
42 seconds West along the East  
Section line 331.00 feet for a point  
of beginning; thence continuing  
South 1 degrees 24 minutes 42 sec-  
ond West 415.47 feet; thence South  
89 degrees 47 minutes 36 seconds  
West 1318.38 feet; thence North 1  
degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds East  
along the East 1/8 line 410.36 feet;  
thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes  
18 seconds East 1318.79 feet to the  
point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12  
months from the date of such sale,  
unless determined abandoned in  
accordance with MCLA 600.3241a,  
in which case the redemption peri-  
od shall be 30 days from the date of  
such sale.

Dated: December 23, 2010

For more information, please call:  
FC J (248) 593-1311

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-  
2525

File #292032F021

-23-3-6-13

## NOTICE

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION  
OPPORTUNITY Borrower(s):  
Kenneth Medougl Property  
Address: 700 East Michigan  
Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738  
Pursuant to MCLA 600.3205a  
please be advised of the following:  
You have a right to request a meet-  
ing with the mortgage holder or  
mortgage servicer. The name of the  
firm designated as the representa-  
tive of the mortgage servicer is:  
Randall S. Miller & Associates,  
P.C. and designee can be contacted  
at the address and phone number  
below. You may contact a housing

counselor by visiting the Michigan  
State Housing Development  
Authority's website at  
<http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or  
by calling 1-800-A-SHELTER, 24  
hours a day, seven days a week,  
year-round. If a meeting is request-  
ed with the designee shown above,  
foreclosure proceedings will NOT  
be commenced until 90 days after  
the date the notice mailed to you on  
12/17/2010. If an agreement is  
reached to modify your mortgage  
loan the mortgage will NOT be  
foreclosed if you abide by the terms  
of the agreement. You have the right  
to contact an attorney. The website  
for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer  
Referral Service is  
<http://www.michbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.cfm> and the toll free  
number is 800-968-0738. You may  
bring an action in circuit court if  
you are required by law to be  
served notice and foreclosure pro-  
ceedings are commenced, without  
such notice having been served  
upon you. If you have previously  
agreed to modify your mortgage  
loan within the past twelve (12)  
months under the terms of the  
above statute, you are not eligible  
to participate in this program unless  
you have complied with the terms  
of the mortgage loan, as modified.  
Notice given by: Randall S. Miller  
Randall S. Miller & Associates,  
P.C. 43252 Woodward Avenue,  
Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI  
48302 313-583-3336 (Loan  
Modification Dept.)  
loamods@millerlaw.biz Case No.  
100MI01669-1 Dated: December  
23, 2010 PLEASE BE ADVISED  
THAT THIS OFFICE MAY BE  
ACTING AS A DEBT COLLEC-  
TOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-  
LECT A DEBT AND ANY  
INFORMATION OBTAINED  
MAY BE USED FOR THAT PUR-  
POSE. ASAP# 3854931  
12/23/2010

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## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector  
attempting to collect a debt. Any  
information obtained will be used  
for this purpose. If you are in the  
Military, please contact our office  
at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has  
been made in the conditions of a  
certain mortgage made by:  
Gary S Fox and Denae J Fox,  
Husband and Wife

to  
Ameriquest Mortgage Company,  
Mortgagee, dated November 19,  
2005 and recorded December 5,  
2005 in Liber 678 Page 838  
Crawford County Records,  
Michigan and assigned through  
mesne assignments to: Deutsche  
Bank National Trust Company, as  
Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage  
Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-  
Through Certificates, Series 2006-  
R1 by assignment of mortgage  
dated December 9, 2010 and subse-  
quently recorded in Crawford  
County Records, Michigan, on  
which mortgage there is claimed to  
be due at the date hereof the sum of  
Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand  
Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars  
and Sixty-Five Cents (\$217,814.65)  
including interest 8.99% per  
annum.

Under the power of sale contained  
in said mortgage and the statute in  
such case made and provided,  
notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a  
sale of the mortgaged premises, or  
some part of them, at public ven-  
due, Circuit Court of Crawford  
County at 10:00AM on January 26,  
2011

Said premises are situated in  
Township of Grayling, Crawford  
County, Michigan, and are  
described as:

Parcel B: Part of the Southwest one  
quarter of Section 9, Town 26  
North, Range 3 West; commencing  
at the South one quarter corner of  
said Section 9, thence North 0  
degrees 44 minutes East (along the  
North and South one quarter line);  
1353 feet to the point of beginning;  
thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes  
West 330 feet, thence North 37  
degrees 04 minutes West 53.85 feet,  
thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes  
East 266.65 feet, thence South 89  
degrees 27 minutes East 363 feet,  
thence South 0 degrees 44 degrees  
West 310.30 feet to the point of  
beginning.

Commonly known as 1739  
Clearwater Trail, Grayling, MI  
49738

The redemption period shall be 6  
months from the date of such sale,  
unless determined abandoned in  
accordance with MCL 600.3241  
or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the  
redemption period shall be 30 days  
from the date of such sale, or upon  
the expiration of the notice required  
by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is  
later.

Dated: 12/23/2010 Deutsche  
Bank National Trust Company, as  
Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage  
Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-  
Through Certificates, Series 2006-  
R1

Assignee of Mortgagee  
Attorneys: Potestivo &  
Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd, Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123

Our File No: 10-32921

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Thursday, December 23, 2010 - CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE - 17

## CIRCUIT COURT SALE BELOW WILL BE ADJOURNED FROM DECEMBER 22, 2010 TO JANUARY 5, 2011 CIRCUIT COURT SALE

Case #: 10-8116-CH

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COL-  
LECTOR ATTEMPTING TO  
COLLECT A DEBT. ANY  
INFORMATION OBTAINED  
WILL BE USED FOR THAT  
PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT  
OUR OFFICE AT THE NUM-  
BER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN  
ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
SALE—A Default Judgment  
Granting Plaintiff a Monetary  
Award and Foreclosing Real  
Property was entered by the  
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy,  
Crawford County Circuit Court  
Judge, on September 10, 2010, in  
the matter of Rose Acceptance,  
Inc., Plaintiff, v James McCredie,  
Gale E. Minard, Crawford County  
Housing Commission, and Charles  
O. Davis, Defendants, Case # 10-  
8116-CH. Said judgment provides  
that if Defendant(s) fail to pay  
Plaintiff the sum of \$29,237.01,  
plus interest at the rate of 12.95%  
per annum, within 21 days of the  
judgment, that the property  
described below is to be sold at  
public auction, with the proceeds to  
be applied toward the satisfaction  
of the debt.

Pursuant to the order of the Court,  
and pursuant to the statutes of the  
State of Michigan, notice is hereby  
given that the property described  
below, or some part of them, will be  
sold at public auction to the highest  
bidder, on Wednesday, December  
22, 2010, at 10:00 in the forenoon,  
at the place of holding of the circuit  
court in the county in which the  
land is situated.

Said premises are located in  
Lovells Township, Crawford  
County, Michigan, and are  
described as:

Commencing at the NE corner of  
Section 19, T28N, R1W, thence  
North 82 degrees 42" West along  
section line 549.5 feet to the center-  
line of county Highway #612,  
thence South 51 degrees 02" West  
along highway centerline 255.0 feet  
for the Place of Beginning; thence  
South 51 degrees 02" West 110.0  
feet, thence South 38 degrees 58"  
East 253.9 feet to the westerly line  
of an abandoned railroad grade;  
thence North 40 degrees 25" East  
111.9 feet; thence North 38 degrees  
58" West 233.2 feet to the place of  
beginning; being part of the NE 1/4  
of the NE 1/4, Section 19, T28N,  
R1W; c/k/a 6846 E. County Rd.  
612, Grayling, MI 49738

The redemption period shall be  
six months.

Dated: October 28, 2010

KIRK WAKEFIELD  
SHERIFF

Randall T. LeVasseur P41712  
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 721400  
Berkley, MI 48072  
(248) 586-1200

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## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-  
TOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-  
LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATI-  
ON WE OBTAIN WILL BE  
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
PLEASE CONTACT OUR  
OFFICE AT THE NUMBER  
BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE  
MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale  
may be rescinded by the foreclosing  
mortgagee. In that event, your  
damages, if any, shall be limited  
solely to the return of the bid  
amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has  
been made in the conditions of a  
mortgage made by Colin Cottrell a  
married man and Cheryl Cottrell a  
married woman joint tenancy with  
full rights of survivorship, original  
mortgagor(s), to Mortgage  
Electronic Registration Systems,  
Inc., as nominee for lender and  
lender's successors and/or assigns,  
Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2004,  
and recorded on August 27, 2004 in  
Liber 671 on Page 214, and  
assigned by said Mortgagee to  
Chase Home Finance L.L.C. as  
assignee as documented by an  
assignment, in Crawford county  
records, Michigan, on which mort-  
gage there is claimed to be due at  
the date hereof the sum of Seventy  
Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-  
Seven and 33/100 Dollars  
(\$70,857.33), including interest at  
6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained  
in said mortgage and the statute in  
such case made and provided,  
notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a  
sale of the mortgaged premises, or  
some part of them, at public ven-  
due, at the place of holding the cir-

cuit court within Crawford County,  
at 10:00 AM, on January 12, 2011.  
Said premises are situated in  
Township of Grayling, Crawford  
County, Michigan, and are  
described as: Lot 33, Red Wing  
Terrace, according to the Plat there-  
of as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats,  
Page 22, Crawford County  
Records, Township of Grayling  
Crawford County Michigan.  
The redemption period shall be 6  
months from the date of such sale,  
unless determined abandoned in  
accordance with MCLA 600.3241a,  
in which case the redemption peri-  
od shall be 30 days from the date of  
such sale.

Dated: December 9, 2010

For more information, please call:  
FC S (248) 593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-  
2525

File #350574F01

-9-16-23-30

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

DOLORES M. KING IRREVO-  
CABLE TRUST dtd 6/28/1999  
Date of birth: March 21, 1931.

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-  
SONS:

Your interest in the estate may be  
barred or affected by the follow-  
ing:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The  
decedent, DOLORES M. KING,  
whose last known address was  
2583 Timberline Trail, Grayling,  
Michigan 49738 died November 9,  
2010.

Creditors of the decedent are noti-  
fied that all claims against the Trust  
will be forever barred unless pre-  
sented to the currently acting  
Trustee whose name and address  
appear below within four (4)  
months after the date of publication  
of this notice.

Date December 14, 2010

Attorney  
BEBOUT, POTERE & COX, P.C.  
Arthur R. Cox P-12284  
821 N. Main Street  
Rochester, Michigan 48307  
(248) 651-4114

Brian J. King, Successor Trustee  
23887 Wesley Street  
Farmington, Michigan 48335  
(248) 615-2860

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## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-  
TOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-  
LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATI-  
ON WE OBTAIN WILL BE  
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
PLEASE CONTACT OUR  
OFFICE AT THE NUMBER  
BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE  
MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale  
may be rescinded by the foreclosing  
mortgagee. In that event, your  
damages, if any, shall be limited  
solely to the return of the bid  
amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has  
been made in the conditions of a  
mortgage made by Karen M.  
Wright, a single woman, original  
mortgagor(s), to Household  
Finance Corporation III,  
Mortgagee, dated April 19, 2005,  
and recorded on April 25, 2005 in  
Liber 675 on Page 116, in Crawford  
county records, Michigan, on  
which mortgage there is claimed to  
be due at the date hereof the sum of  
Eighty-Five Thousand Seven  
Hundred Fifty-Five and 88/100  
Dollars (\$85,755.88), including  
interest at 9.98% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained  
in said mortgage and the statute in  
such case made and provided,  
notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a  
sale of the mortgaged premises, or  
some part of them, at public ven-  
due, at the place of holding the cir-  
cuit court within Crawford County,  
at 10:00 AM, on January 19, 2011.

Said premises are situated in  
Township of South Branch,  
Crawford County, Michigan, and  
are described as: Beginning 240  
feet North of the Southwest corner  
of the Northwest 1/4 of the

# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



**December 24, 1987 -** This snowman built by Randy and Nicole Laundre was still big on Friday, Dec. 18, the day of this photograph, but it measured 9 feet to the top of the head on Wednesday, Dec. 16, the day it was made.

### 23 Years Ago

**December 24, 1987**

The second major snowfall of the season last week-end covered the bare ground at the top of the ski slope and assured the opening of Hanson Hills on Dec. 23. Scott Remsing, park director said that the wind blew much of the heavy snow off the top of the hill during last week's storm.

The Grayling Promotional Association announced the winners of the 1987 Home Decorating Contest. In the Residential Category, the home of

Lawrence Smith placed first, second place was the Dennis Kuhn home and third place went to Kathy Madsen's home. In the Commercial Category, Grayling State Bank took first place, Chemical Bank took second and the Crawford County Library took third place.

Jeff Wolcott and Flaskie Robbins were named to the 1987 Michigan Huron Shores Conference Most Valuable Player team. Ward Jones and Marty Jung received All-Conference honorable mention.

GMS nominees for November Student of the Month are Lloyd Anderson, Gary Sheldon, Terry Johnson, Bruce Dale, Georgette Feldhauser, Suzy Lovely, Danyell Galvani, Heather Bindsehatel, Jennifer Fassinger, Dusty Gammon, Sonja Widrig, Sara Priebe, Heidi Craigie, Jessica Brown, Valorie Schans, Michelle Horning, Helen Denno, Tammy Rock, Samantha Vollmer, Julie Gingerich, Jason Puls and Kim Haske.

### 46 Years Ago

**December 24, 1964**

Floyd Millikin is a new employee with the city police.

The Frederic High Eagles ran into trouble last week as they dropped a heartbreaker 58 to 56 to Vanderbilt at the Frederic gym and then were overwhelmed Friday night by the invading Ellsworth Lancers 94 to 61. A batch of illness during the week amongst the varsity players did not in the least help the Frederic cause.

After defeating the Mancelona Ironmen here on Tuesday and taking a defeat at the hands of the Gaylord Blue Devils, the Grayling Vikings basketball team find themselves in a four way tie for the lead in the Northern Class C conference basketball race with Gaylord, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs.

Cindi Carlson celebrated her 9th birthday Dec. 22, her mother sent cupcakes to her third grade class to help celebrate.

The Friends of the Library have received \$500 each from the Bear Archery Company and the Grayling State Bank towards the building fund goal of \$14,000.

Ring in the New Year at Lake Valley Resort. \$3 per person cover charge and dinner will be served until 10 p.m. There will be dancing, buffet and favors.

### 69 Years Ago

**December 25, 1941**

The Grayling basketball team won its first victory of the season against Roscommon, one of the best class D schools in this part of the state, by a score of 26 to 25.

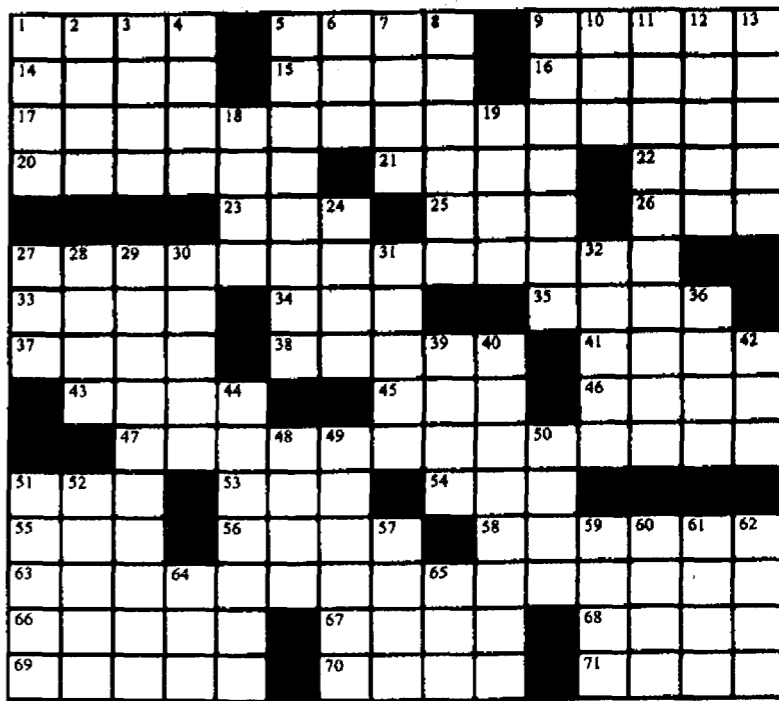
### 92 Years Ago

**December 26, 1918**

Melvin A. Bates has received an appointment as Director of Crawford County for compiling records of all sailors and soldiers taking part in the war.

Carl Nelson has charge of the Cameron Game Meat Market, both Mr. Game and his meat cutter, Phil Quigley, contracted influenza at the same time. Mr. Game, his wife and little son, Junior are all ill with the disease.

## CROSSWORD



### Across

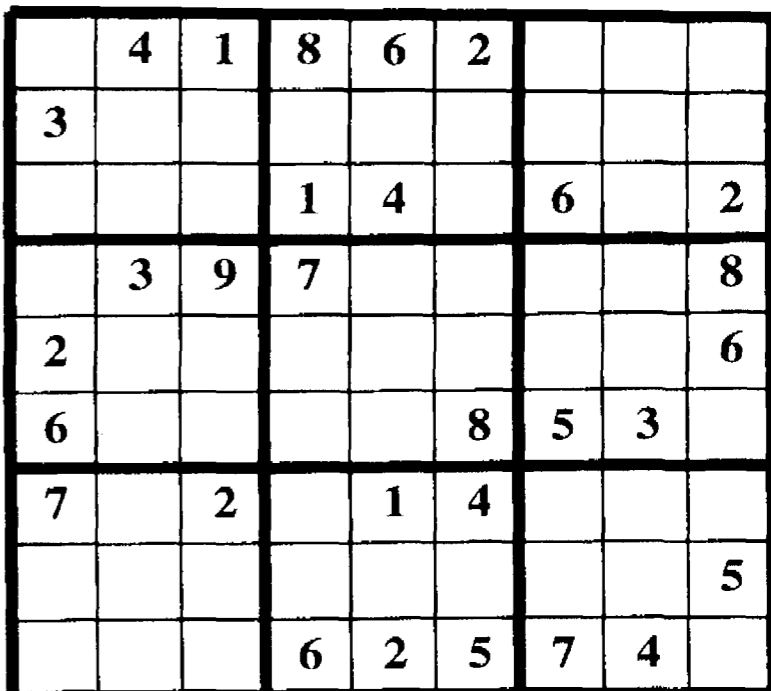
1. Check
5. Above
9. Mideast native
14. 100%
15. "Agreed!"
16. Beat
17. Forward military position
20. Kind of artist
21. Drove
22. "Look here!"
23. Trick taker, often
25. Confederate soldier, for short
26. Kipling's "Gunga \_\_\_\_"
27. Furniture arm coverings
33. Hacienda hand, maybe
34. Not just "a"
35. International organization formed in 1948
37. Bluster
38. Histological stain
41. Indian bread
43. Radial, e.g.
45. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
46. Copter's forerunner
47. Joint defendants
51. \_\_\_\_ de deux
53. A pint, maybe
54. "The Matrix" hero
55. 1969 Peace Prize grp.
56. Caroled
58. On one's back
63. Type of fats
66. Deduce
67. "Beowulf," e.g.
68. Bassoon, e.g.
69. Bait
70. Actor Green of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
71. BBs, e.g.

### Down

1. Advance, slangily
2. Band member
3. At one time, at one time
4. Convene
5. Speak in favor of
6. Oolong, for one
7. "@\$%&!", e.g.
8. Long-jawed pincers
9. Poker tactic
10. Matterhorn, e.g.
11. Spot of blood
12. Inspired poet
13. Susan of "Goldengirl"
18. Be itinerant
19. Assayers' stuff
24. Bounce back, in a way
27. 30-day mo.
28. "Cool!"
29. System of singing
30. Foreword, for short
31. "Belling the Cat" author
32. Cocktop
36. Bakery buy
39. Knowing, as a secret
40. Person without equal
42. Discouraging words
44. Kind of mark
48. Brio
49. Has a hunch
50. Forbidding
51. Small songbird
52. "Home \_\_\_\_"
57. Be slack-jawed
59. Legal prefix
60. Any thing
61. Large tropical Asian tree
62. Edible taro root
64. "Absolutely!"
65. Little bird

## SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #1 Hard, Difficulty Rating 0.66)  
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



# HOROSCOPES

December 23, 2010



**CAPRICORN**

December 22 - January 19

Fantastic. Capricorn. Sticking to your resolutions is easy with the help of a friend. A business deal is sealed. Invite your pals over to celebrate.



**ARIES**

March 21 - April 19

The reality of a situation at home sinks in, and you resolve to make amends. Start with that special someone. Aries. An e-mail piques your curiosity.



**CANCER**

June 22 - July 22

Your artistic side emerges, and you have a stroke of genius. Bravo, Cancer! An acquaintance divulges a secret. Keep it in the strictest of confidence.



**LIBRA**

September 23 - October 22

Project plans get put on hold due to a shortage of funds. Don't despair, Libra. A better opportunity will arise later. A meeting brings you a powerful ally.



**AQUARIUS**

January 20 - February 18

Way to go, Aquarius. Your proposal is well received. Drama ensues at home with the arrival of guests. Don't worry. Things will work out in good time.



**TAURUS**

April 20 - May 20

Make a wish, and it just might be yours. Yes, Taurus. Magic is in the air. A venture into the unknown turns up something all too familiar. Stick to your guns.



**LEO**

July 23 - August 22

Rework your budget, and financial worries will prove a reality. Leo. You will find a way to make every dollar count and then some. A romantic retreat may be in order.



**SCORPIO**

October 23 - November 21

Oh-la-la, Scorpio. Romance blooms at home. Make the most of it. A riveting tale motivates you to set some goals and see them through.



**PISCES**

February 19 - March 20

Travel plans get underway. Bon voyage, Pisces. A risky move at work pays off big. Share your success with others. Freedom at home comes at a price.



**GEMINI**

May 21 - June 21

You're two clever for words, Gemini. A relative has no idea what you are up to. Make sure they will appreciate your surprise before you present it.



**VIRGO**

August 23 - September 22

The tide changes at home, and you must rise to the occasion. Step up, Virgo. A neighbor makes an unusual request. Take the time to hear them out.



**SAGITTARIUS**

November 22 - December 21

Uh-oh, Sagittarius. Trouble looms, but thankfully, it does not involve you. A relationship deepens, while a business venture flourishes. Celebrate the good times.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

"Dog Days Of Summer" Extended Hours:  
Tuesday thru Sunday - 10am to 3pm • Monday 10am to 3pm

## ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes. adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



### Jersey

Jersey is a handsome one year old Shar Pei and Lab Mix. This is a dog that does well with other dogs, is very eager to please and has been neutered, micro chipped and vaccinated. Sweet Jersey would love a home for the holidays!

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### PRAIRIELAND POT ROAST

#### Ingredients:

- 1 boneless beef shoulder pot roast (2 lb.)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 bottle (8 oz.) Catalina Dressing, divided
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 2 lb. Yukon gold potatoes (about 12), peeled, cut into 2-inch chunks
- 8 carrots peeled, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1-1/2 to 2 cups water
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

#### Directions:

SEASON meat with salt and pepper; cook in 1/4 cup dressing in Dutch oven on high heat until browned on both sides. Add onions; cook until caramelized, stirring occasionally.

ADD remaining dressing, potatoes, carrots and enough water to come 3/4 the way up side of meat. Bring to boil; cover. Simmer on low heat 2 hours or until meat and vegetables are tender.

REMOVE meat from pan; cut across the grain into thin slices. Serve meat and vegetables topped with pan drippings and parsley.

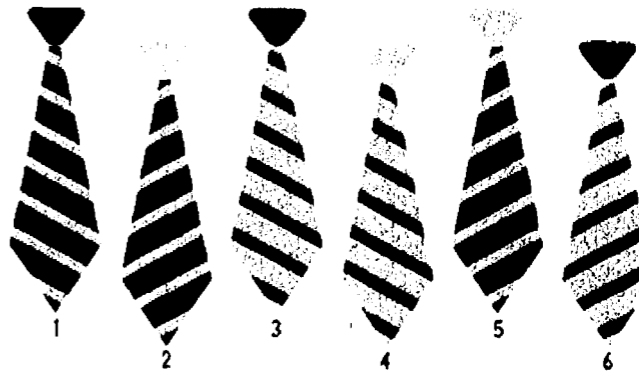
Prep Time: 20 min

Total Time: 2hrs 40min

Makes: 8 servings

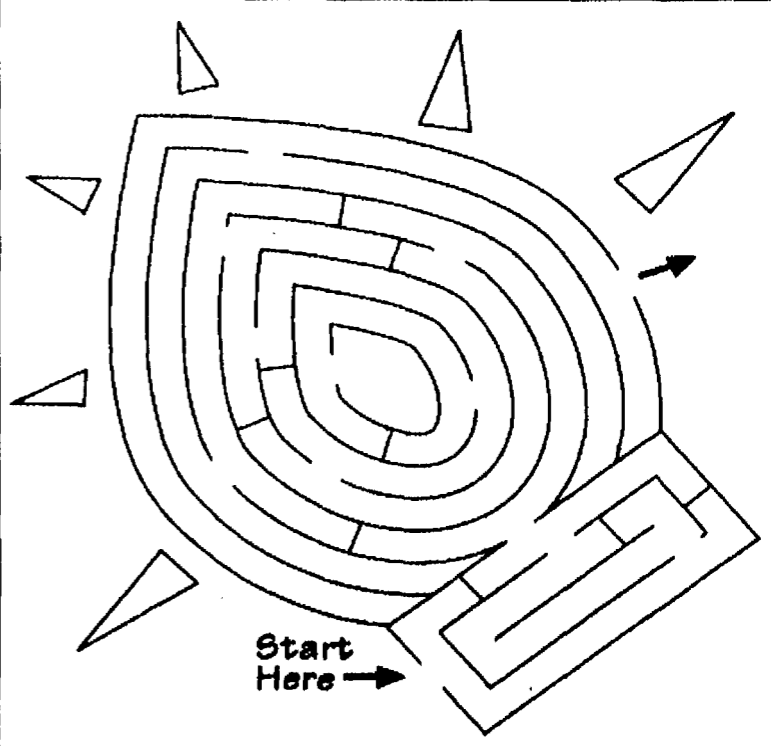
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WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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## MAZE



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Classified by the word deadline - Noon Tuesday

## 1. Real Estate

**FRAMED-IN 3 BEDROOM** 1 bath chalet with well and septic ready for you to finish. Located in Lakes of the North, a planned community with numerous amenities just 15 minutes from Gaylord in the heart of snowmobile country. \$49,900. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 (11/4/10/tf/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE** 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/tf/1)

**NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 3** bedroom, 1 bath home with large attached one car garage and all ready for you to move in. Located in Lakes of the North, a planned community with numerous amenities just 15 minutes from Gaylord in the heart of snowmobile country. \$89,900. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 (11/4/10/tf/1)

## 2. For Rent


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## 2. For Rent

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## 2. For Rent

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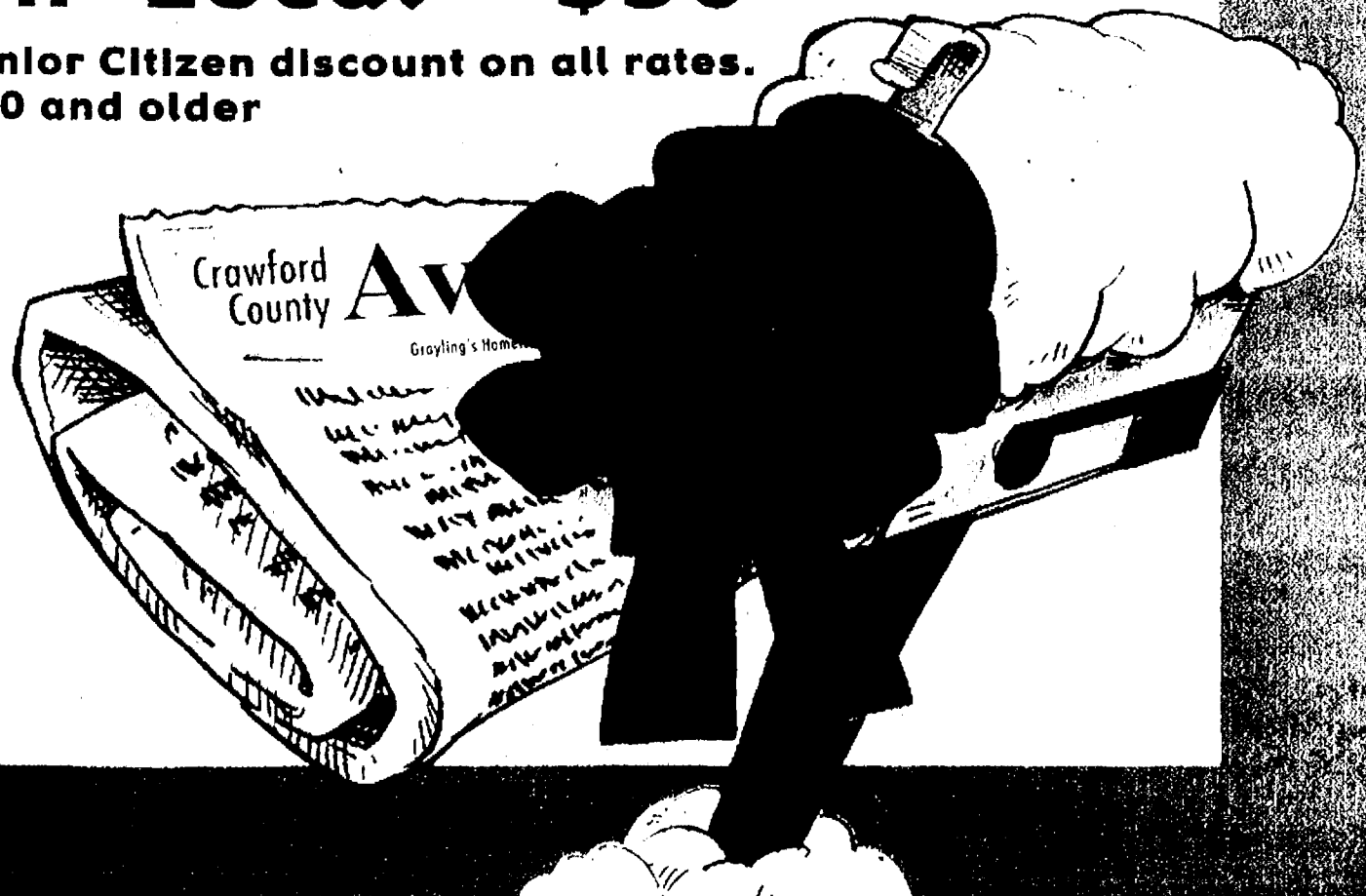
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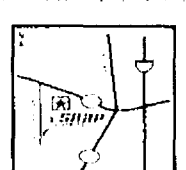
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## County board prohibits early Sunday alcoholic beverage sales

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County Commissioner Terry Beardslee favored a total prohibition on sales on a day when people traditionally attend church and spend the day as a family. "If I could have my way, we wouldn't have any Sunday sales," Beardslee said.

The Sunday sales would have required stores, bars and vendors to pay a \$150 fee to take advantage of the state provision. Fees are earmarked for the state's Convention Facilities Development Fund, the School Aid Fund and the General Fund.

County Commissioner Mike Lange said stores, bars, restaurants and clubs have been able to maintain business without the extra sale hours since the federal prohibition on liquor consumption was lifted.

"They've gotten along for 80 years without it," Lange said. "They obviously didn't give us a lot of time to make a decision on this."

County Commissioner Rick Anderson predicted that

officials would receive an earful if they passed a local ordinance more stringent.

"You wouldn't have any Sunday sales if that were the case and I think a lot of people would be upset," said Anderson, who added that the region does receive funding to support the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Agency through state liquor license fees.

Compo said it was unclear if cities or townships could override a county resolution on the state law after conferring with Sharon Martin, Director of the Licensing Division for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

"They just sent that to the legal department and she doesn't no what way that's going to end up," Compo said.

Anderson noted that local law enforcement would have no choice but to follow the standards they are charged to enforce.

"If a township takes it upon themselves to do something different, let it be understood that the police

officers that have jurisdiction will basically run by the county rule," he said.

Outgoing Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm vetoed state legislation expanding how alcoholic beverages are sold, distributed and offered for samples in October. She objected to the amount and number of samples that could be sold or served in a 24-hour period in stores and at tasting events. The governor also opposed expanding how beverages are sold and distributed to protect small business owners.

"A number of those issues have been cleared up," said Katie Carey, spokeswoman for the governor.

The Sunday sales and sales at the Michigan International Speedway were added to the legislation by lawmakers as it made its way back through the Legislature.

"There were many amendments and many substitutes and it is our responsibility to try to implement what they passed," said Julie Wendt, director of executive services division for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

## Exchange students share holiday traditions at Grayling Middle School

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Five students will be leaving soon, while the others will remain for the rest of the school year.

Marie Lautrup, a Grayling High School student from Denmark, is staying with Carrie Zollner and Jason Hansen in Frederic. She made a treat similar to no-baked cookies for the holidays from her country and other Nordic countries.

"Some of the other people that were here ate almost half of the batch, so they must be good," she said. "It's been a really fun day talking with all the people about my culture and about how they celebrate Christmas - especially."

Luis Lopez, who is attending Gaylord High School, is from Mexico. He treated the students to "Three King's Sweet Bread" and entertained them with his guitar.

"I think it's been a good time, we're having fun and we're sharing our Christmas things from our countries," Lopez said.

Nico Held, who is attending Grayling High School and is staying with Rebecca and David Wildfong, is from Germany. He made a punch that is enjoyed by the young and old alike.

"All kids love it," he said. Held was part of the Grayling High School's Vikings Football Team and said that has been his favorite part of his experience in the community.

"The football team was awesome," he said. "We had a great season and a great coach. It was the best part of my experience because we don't have any football in Germany and it's so huge in America."

Held appreciated being able to give the younger students a passport across the world.

"I think it's very good that they get to learn about the other countries because maybe they won't have the opportunity to go to another country so I think it's very important that they have contact with other cultures

and know what's going on," Held said.

Held spent the day side-by-side with fellow German Kevin Ningelgen. He is staying with Mike Shearer, who has hosted 29 foreign exchanges students in the community over the years.

Ningelgen treated the students to apple pancakes.

"It was fun being together with the kids and all the other exchange students," Ningelgen said.

Kasper Szymanski from Poland, who is also staying with Shearer, made honey bread. The bread, served for the Christmas and Easter holidays, is known as "pier-nic" in his country.

Szymanski enjoyed taking his baking skills into the classroom.

"It was something new for me, cooking at school," Szymanski said.

Seventh grader Joe Petrosky enjoyed taste testing some rice-based Vietnamese noodles.

"What they have is totally different than what we have here," Petrosky said.

Fellow seventh grader Fred Shippy said he was also impressed to see how the different cultures celebrate Christmas and New Year's Day.

"It was fun trying the different foods and seeing how they are similar to ours and how they are different," Shippy said.

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## Fires totally destroy homes

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Two homes were destroyed by fires battled by the Grayling Fire Department.

The Grayling Fire Department was dispatched to a house fire at 206 Alger Street in the City of Grayling on Thursday, Dec. 16.

The home is owned by Corey Kivel, who has moved from the community and is now living in Maryland. Jackie Faling, Don Riness, and Matthew Larson were tenants living in the home.

The cause of the blaze is undetermined and the home was a total loss, said Grayling Fire Department Chief Russ Strohpaul Jr.

The people living in the home, who were not

injured, are receiving assistance.

"They were referred to the Red Cross, and they fixed them up somehow," Strohpaul said.

Firefighters battled the blaze until 3 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 17. The Beaver Creek Township and Frederic Township Fire Departments were called in to assist with manpower.

The Grayling Fire Department's ladder truck proved to be a handy tool.

"We could get over top of the fire and put water in through the roof after it caved in," Strohpaul said. "The ladder truck was a huge benefit."

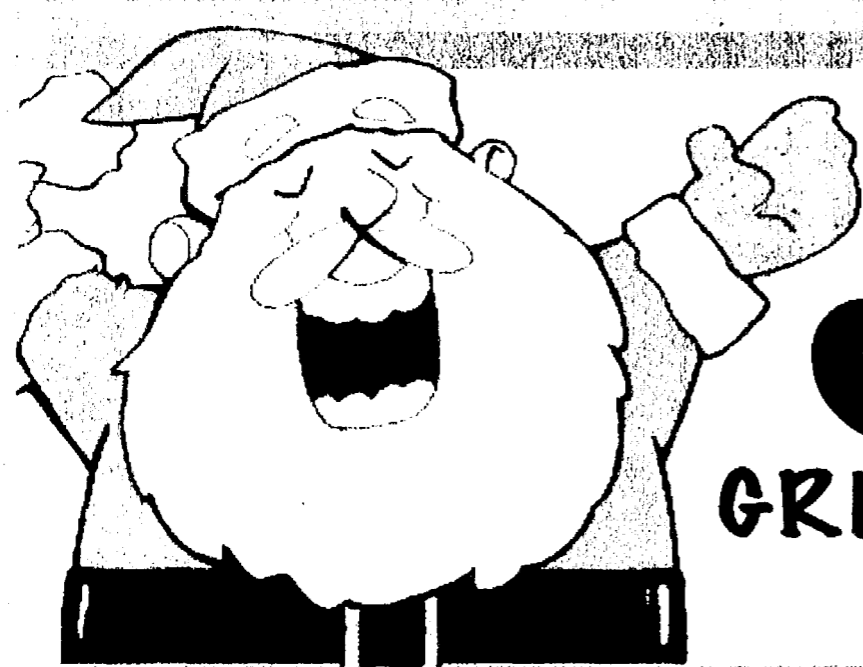
Grayling Department of Public Works crews also assisted by turning on an extra water pump, which supplied water through the

fire hydrants and also filled the demand for citizen's domestic water needs.

The Grayling Fire Department was dispatched to the second fire at 5:08 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. The home, located at 4652 East M-72, is owned by Lisa and David Hess. They were out of town when the blaze occurred.

"They're going to be staying with friends or other family, so the Red Cross wasn't needed in this situation," Strohpaul said. "It's a bad time to lose a home right before Christmas, but when they're fully engulfed it's hard to get the fire out."

Firefighters remained on the scene until 11 p.m. The South Branch Township Fire Department assisted at the scene with manpower.



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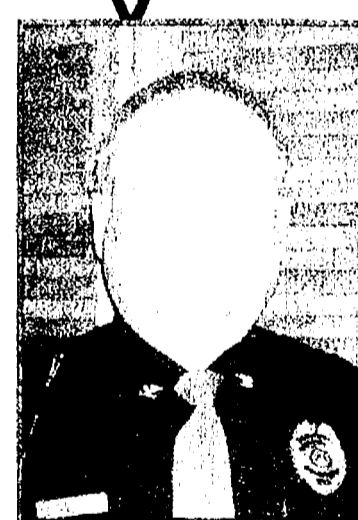
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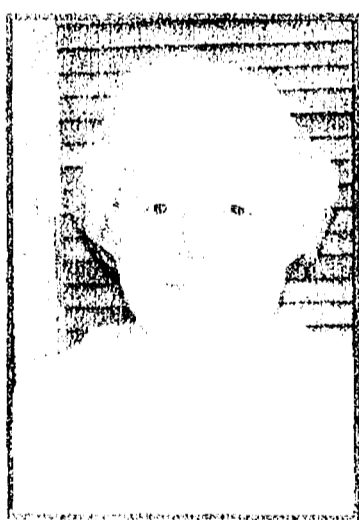
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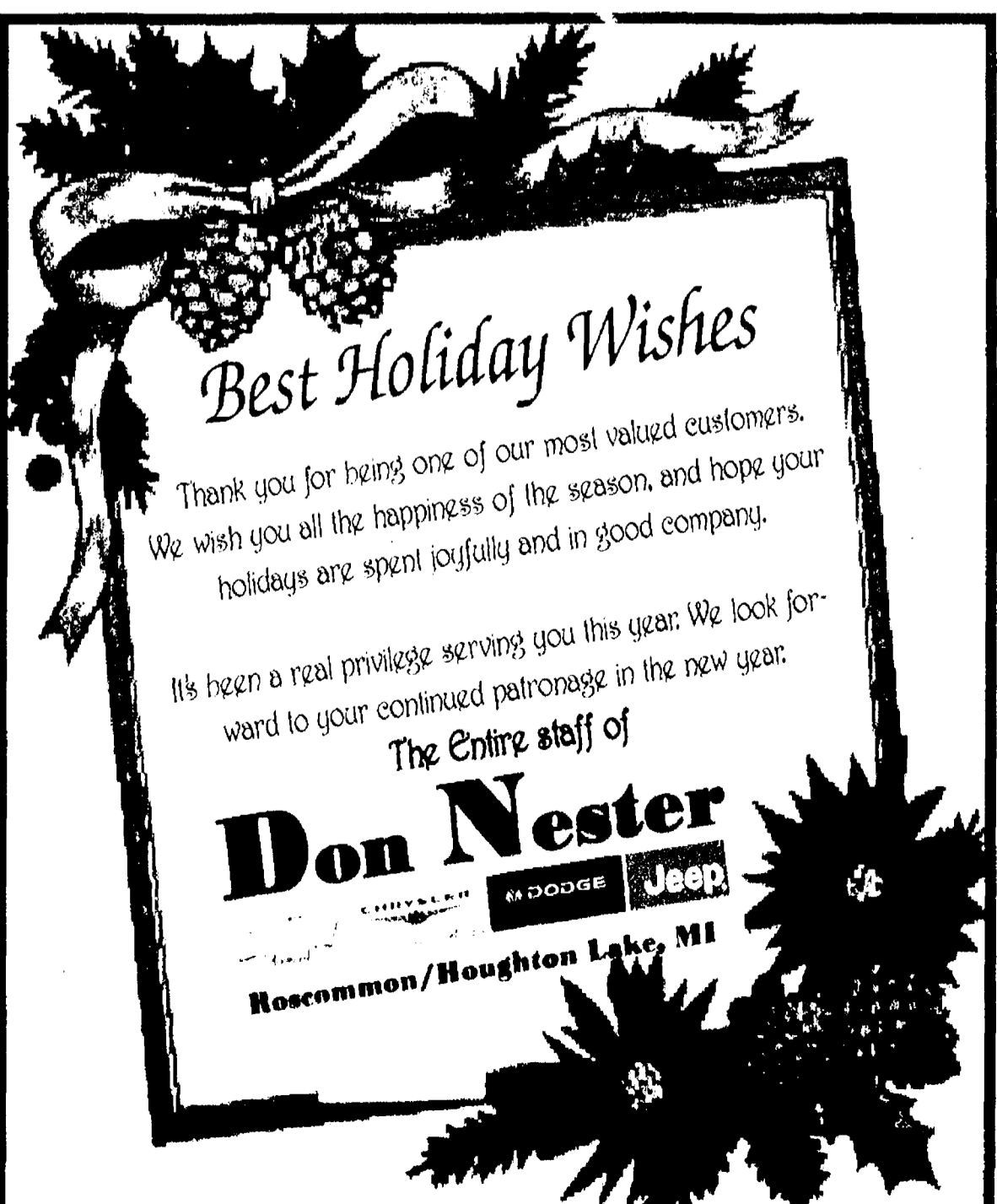
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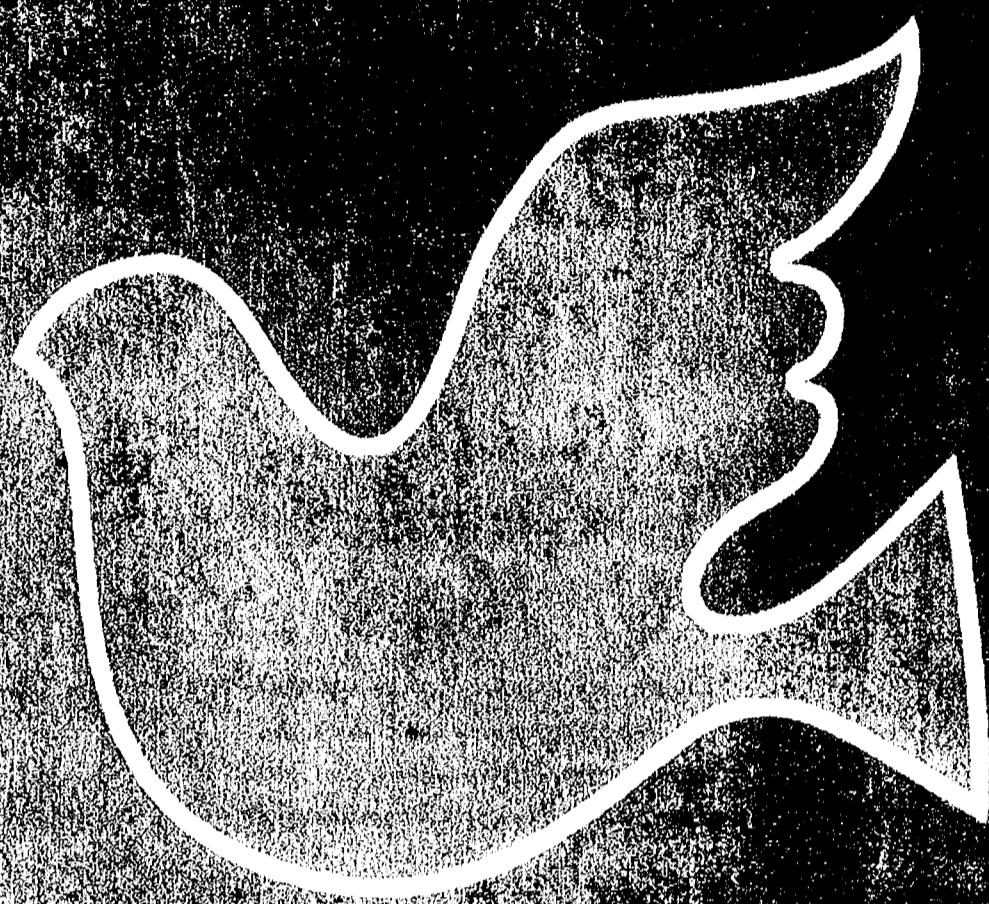
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